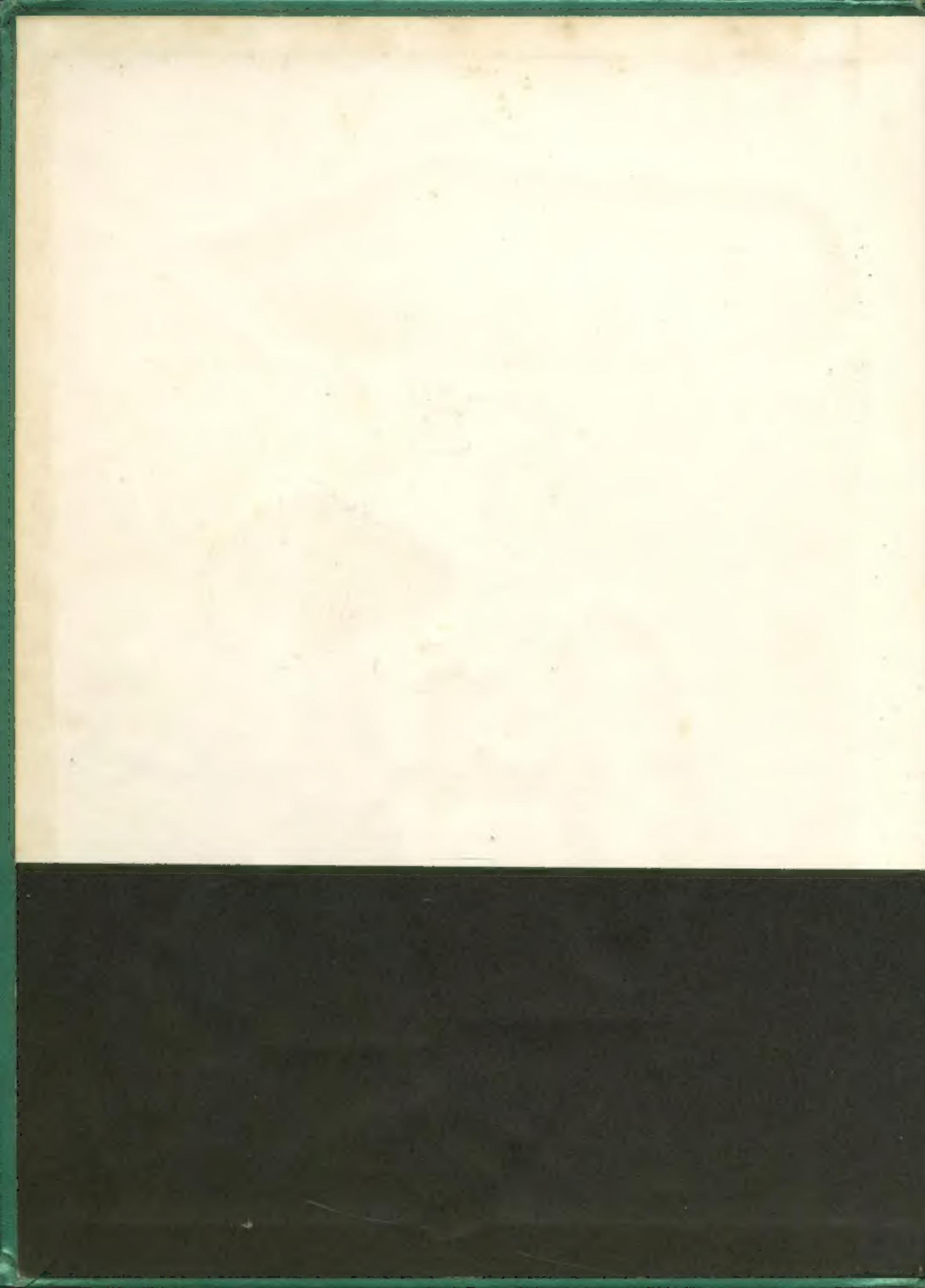
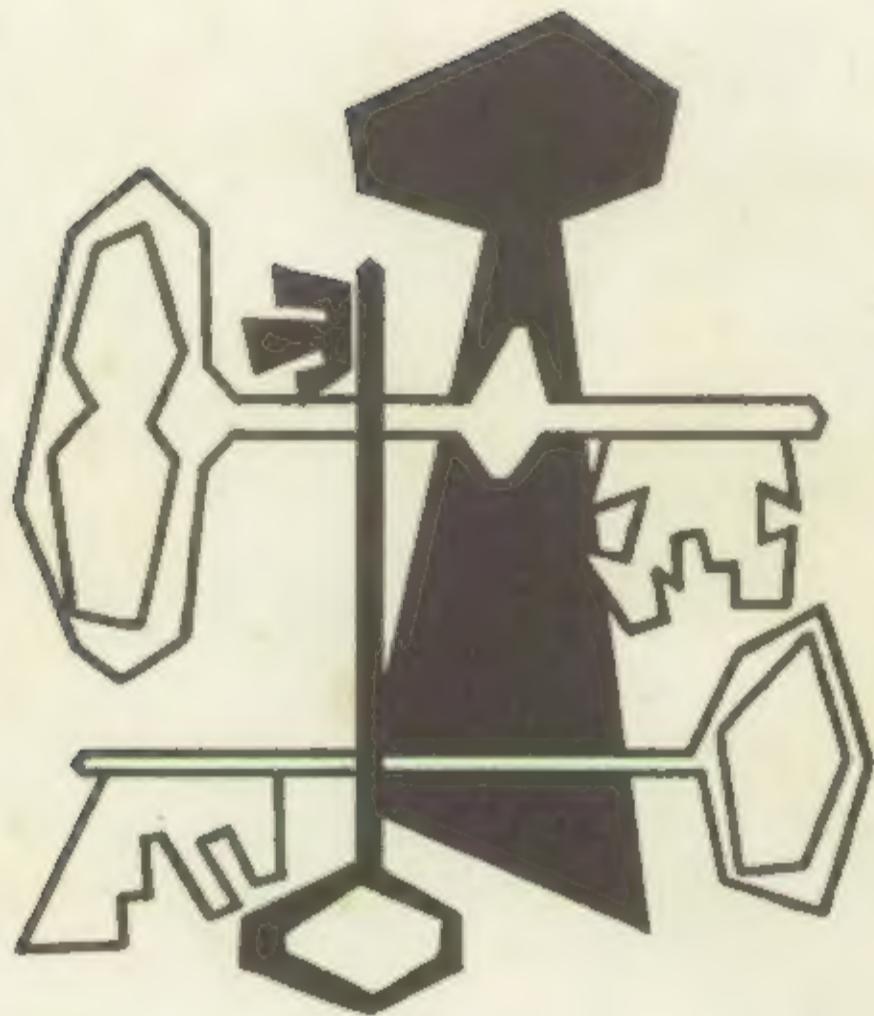


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## IN MEMORIAM



L. L. (Bud) Van Berg

In grateful appreciation to one who gave  
unstintingly of his time and energy in serv-  
ing the school and community.

# FOREWORD

Recording the activities and highlights of an eventful, worthwhile school year has been the purpose of the 1968 BENGAL.

This year the yearbook staff has the privilege of presenting a picturesque account of the 1967-68 school year within our new high school.

Our theme, "The Key to Success Through Education," not only depicts the key to our high school, but the key which unlocks the door to success.

We hope in some way that this edition pleases you; but even more, that in years to come it will evoke welcome memories of your days at Mercedes High School.

THE BENGAL STAFF



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Mrs. Delia Z. Barron



Mr. Alvin Smith



# THE 1968 BENGAL PROUDLY SALUTES . . .

WE DEDICATE the 1968 BENGAL to two of the most wonderful people at Mercedes High School.

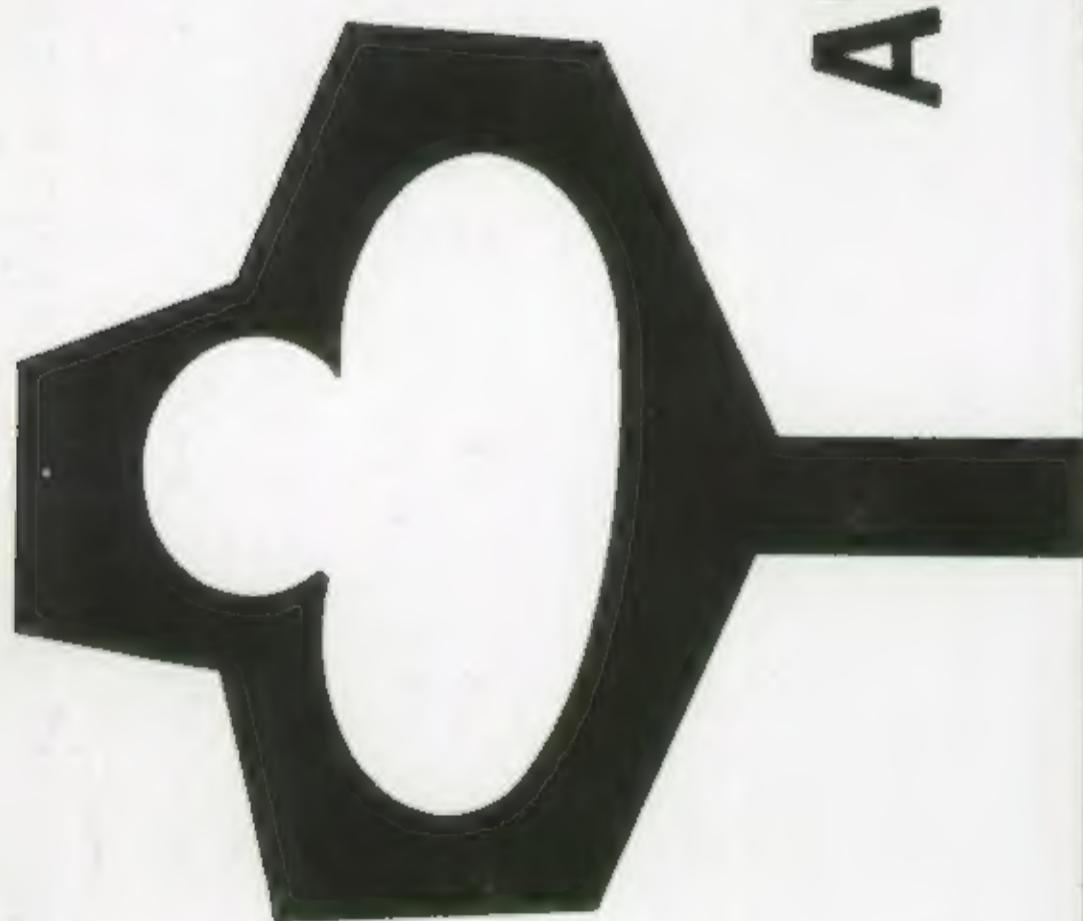
Mrs. Delia Barrón our high school counselor helps all of the student body in some way. Her warm friendly personality is known throughout the school. As part of her job, this past summer she attended the Journalism Workshop at Trinity University with part of the BENGAL staff. Her helpful hints, good suggestions, and special favors are truly appreciated.

Mr. Alvin Smith is head of the English Department, junior class sponsor, and director of the Senior Play. His service to the school is displayed in his willingness to help students. The BENGAL staff greatly appreciates his help in correcting BENGAL proofs and his help at the concession stands during football season.

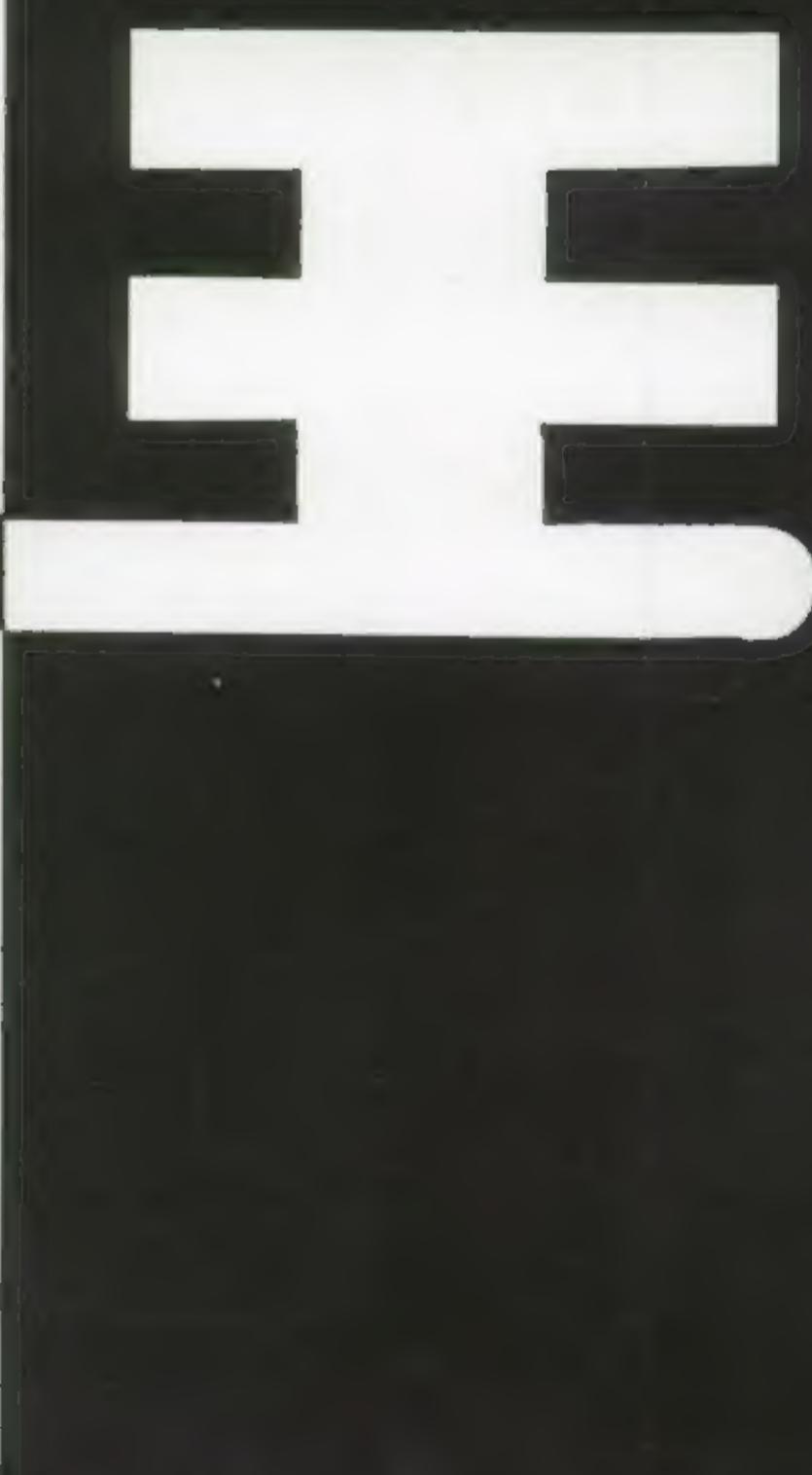
We thank you very much for allowing us to become a part of your lives.

Mrs. Delia Z. Barrón  
Mr. Alvin Smith





**ADMINISTRATION**



# SUPERINTENDENT STRESSES PROGRESS IN SCHOOLS

N. K. Fitzgerald has been Superintendent of the Mercedes Independent School District for five years. He has been in the school district for a total of fifteen years.

His invaluable assistance has been a great asset to the school. He contributed greatly toward the building of our new Mercedes High School.



Fitzgerald was former teacher at the school.



Fitzgerald, Superintendent



School Board members are, front row, left to right: Robert Villegas, President; W. G. Russ III, Member; Aiselio Sandoval, Tax Assessor and Collector; Ignacio Rodriguez, Secretary. Back row: Gilbert Dominguez, Member; N. K. Fitzgerald, Supt.; Charles Greerwood, Member; Joe Rayo, Member; Bob Marroquin, Member.

## ADMINISTRATORS WORK TO KEEP PACE WITH GROWING SCHOOL SYSTEM

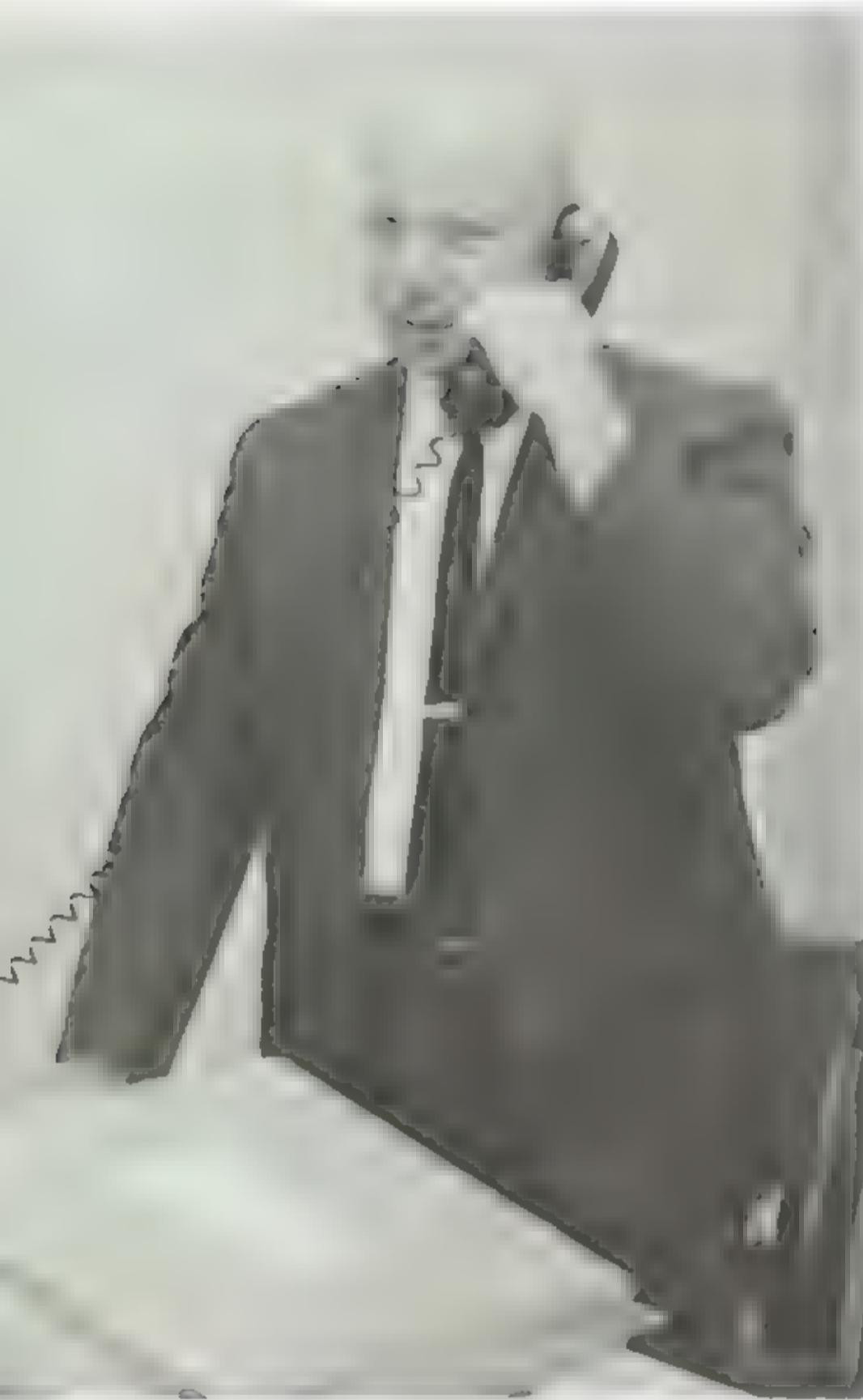


Mr. Harvey L. Broyles, Curriculum and Special Programs Director.

The Board of Education of the Mercedes Independent School District sets the executive policies under which the school administration operates.

A new position added to our school system is the Curriculum and Special Programs Director. Mr. Harvey L. Broyles holds this position. He works under the supervision of the Superintendent of Schools. His duties are to assist the superintendent in administering the instructional program within the framework of the philosophy and objectives of the Mercedes Public Schools.

# THREE NEW ADMINISTRATORS FOR MHS



Mr. Emmett Albright, Principal

In addition to our new high school, we have a new administrative staff; our new principal, Mr. Emmett Albright and two new assistant principals, Mr. Dale Hatley and Mr. Milton Hild.



Mr. Dale Hatley, Assistant Principal



Mr. Milton Hild, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Delta Barren, Counselor



Mrs. Corl Cowden, Counselor



## ADMINISTRATORS PERFORM DAILY TASKS



Mrs. Beth Tankersley, Secretary



Mrs. Veda Freeman, Secretary

Mrs. Barbara Halliburton  
Main Office Secretary



Mrs. Emma Jean Sledge  
Main Office Secretary



Mrs. Mary Stokes  
Librarian



MHS has a two member counseling staff. Mrs. Barron helps upper classmen. Her main duties are preparing seniors for graduation and advising them on future activities. A new addition to the counseling staff is Mrs. Cowden. She devotes her time to counseling the freshmen.

Mrs. Tankersley and Mrs. Freeman our two secretaries are kept busy throughout the day. They perform such tasks as keeping records, issuing car permits, and many other jobs too numerous to mention.

We also have a nurse, Mrs. Davidson, who tries to keep our students healthy. And Mrs. Stokes, our librarian. Mrs. Stokes has managed to keep our library well supplied and arranged to the point where it is no longer a hard task to make a research paper on a given subject but an adventurous experience.



Mrs. Opal Davidson  
School Nurse



Mrs. Stokes is making use of the study carrels, one of the many new additions to our new library.



English Department members are, standing: Mr. A. Smith, Department Head; Mrs. L. Hild; Mrs. C. Carson; Mr. C. Fisher; seated: Mrs. B. Hatley; Miss G. Evans; Miss Fusselman; Miss L. Dock.

## ENGLISH SERVES PURPOSE



Mr. Smith gladly hands out papers to students.

Mercedes High School places special emphasis on the development of good speech. Four years of English, as well as two of Speech, and two of Journalism are offered by the English Department to help achieve this goal.

In order to prepare for the UIL contests students are urged to attend plays at Kingsville and Weslaco. In turn this will allow them to develop their skills in drama and their knowledge of literature.

English IV students eagerly listen to Mrs. Hild.



# MATH A PERPLEXING SUBJECT

Mathematics has often been called the "most exact science." As such, it has become an integral part of scientific study at Mercedes High School. The courses offered are related math, Algebra I and II, business math, plane geometry, and Math IV.



Mr. Bailey is MHS's enthusiastic Math teacher.



The overhead projector plays an important part in the classrooms throughout the entire school.

Mathematics Department members are seated Mrs. F. J. Attaway, Department Head; Miss W. Russ L.; Standing Mrs. D. R. Brewer; Mr. R. Hernandez; Mr. R. Rodriguez; Mr. J. R. Jones; Mr. J. Bailey.



# HISTORY CHALLENGES STUDENTS



Mrs. Churchill tots her students of the Crusades.

World history, American history, and Civics ate the subjects included in social studies.

World history is taken by most Sophomores. This course involves civilizations from prehistoric times up to the present. American history classes are mainly taken by Juniors. These classes consist mainly of studying the founding of our nation and the events that led to world prominence. At least one semester of Civics is required for graduation.



Civics Students are involved in a heated debate.

Social Studies Department members are, seated Mr. J. A. Mynder; Mrs. K. Churchill, Miss I. Garrett. Standing Mr. B. Walker; Mr. R. Jones; Mr. M. R. Churchill, Department Head.





Science Department members are seated. Mr. W. F. Guest, Mr. J. C. McQueen, Department Head, Standing; Mr. Lehman; Mr. L. R. Murphy; Mr. R. C. Brooks.

## SCIENCE A FIELD OF RESEARCH

To most students chemistry is a bewildering subject. Balancing equations, explaining principles, and experimenting in the chemistry lab is part of their daily work. Mr. Murphy is the teacher who must put up with about one-hundred chemistry students.

The Biology, Physical Science and Chemistry classes have their own rooms and instruments with which to work. This is a great help to both students and teacher,



Mr. Murphy points out a new specimen to his students.



Mr. Brooks relaxes after an active discussion.



Foreign Language Department members are, standing: Mrs. M. A. Bangs, Mrs. Drawe; Miss I. Hawley, Mrs. C. Goza, Department Head; seated: Miss E. Padilla; Mrs. N. Rodriguez.

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE LABORATORY EFFICIENT ADDITION



Foreign Language students enjoy the new addition - the foreign language laboratory. This is a new experience for all and the students look forward to developing their skills with other languages.

Besides having an all female teaching staff in the Foreign Language Department, we also have a new foreign language lab. The lab is a totally new addition to Mercedes High School. It helps both teacher and students to determine how well they are progressing.



Through practice, Mrs. Goza has conquered the console.

# BUSINESS DEVELOPS SKILLS

Mercedes hosts a very good Business Department. Among the courses offered are Typing I and II, Stenography, and a business course. Mercedes High School is the only high school in Texas to carry an all electric type-writing class.



Manuscripts and jobs keep students typing.



Mrs. Lauder explains the fundamentals of filling out the income tax forms to her students.

Business Department members are seated: Mrs. W. S. Dillato, Department Head. Standing: Miss Causey; Mrs. J. Lauder; Mr. L. Petross.





Vocational and Work-Study Program Department members are Mr. B. Pruitt, Mr. I. Saldana, Jr., Mrs. J. McMill, Mr. J. Dolerty, Vocational Department Head, Mr. D. Edwell, Distributive Education Director.

## PREPARING FOR FUTURE VOCATIONS

Vocational Office Education, Distributive Education, and Agriculture are part of the vocational courses offered at MHS. These courses prepare and equip students with knowledge and experience which will help them develop a sense of responsibility. This, in turn, will serve as a stepping stone toward future vocations.

Driver Education helps many of the members of our young society learn the proper meaning and usage of an automobile.

Mr. Dolerty, Ag. I, III, and IV instructor, reviews the class for an exam.



# MUSIC AND ART ADD CULTURE TO MHS

Music and art classes add beauty and musical culture to our school. Mrs. Haynes introduces numerous ideas and projects to her artistic students.

Mr. Teltschik and Mr. Aguilar instruct our band into becoming one of the top ranking bands in the Valley and state of Texas. Another outstanding cultural feature is our choir, directed by Mr. Penn. The choir presents several concerts throughout the year.



Mrs. Haynes enjoys helping her art students



Band members devote many hours of their spare time to prepare for the Pigskin Jubilee.

Fine Arts and Music Department members are, Mr. J. M. Penn, Mrs. P. Haynes, Mr. Aguilar  
Mr. A. Teltschik, Department Head.





The Homemaking Department members are, Mrs. V. Pruitt, Department Head, Mrs. E. West, Mrs. H. Goren, Mrs. Beasley.

## HOECOMING, A CHALLENGING SUBJECT

Homemaking is divided into two major fields, cooking and sewing.

Each spring, students present a style show, displaying their accomplishments. Girls also study good grooming when taking a homemaking course.

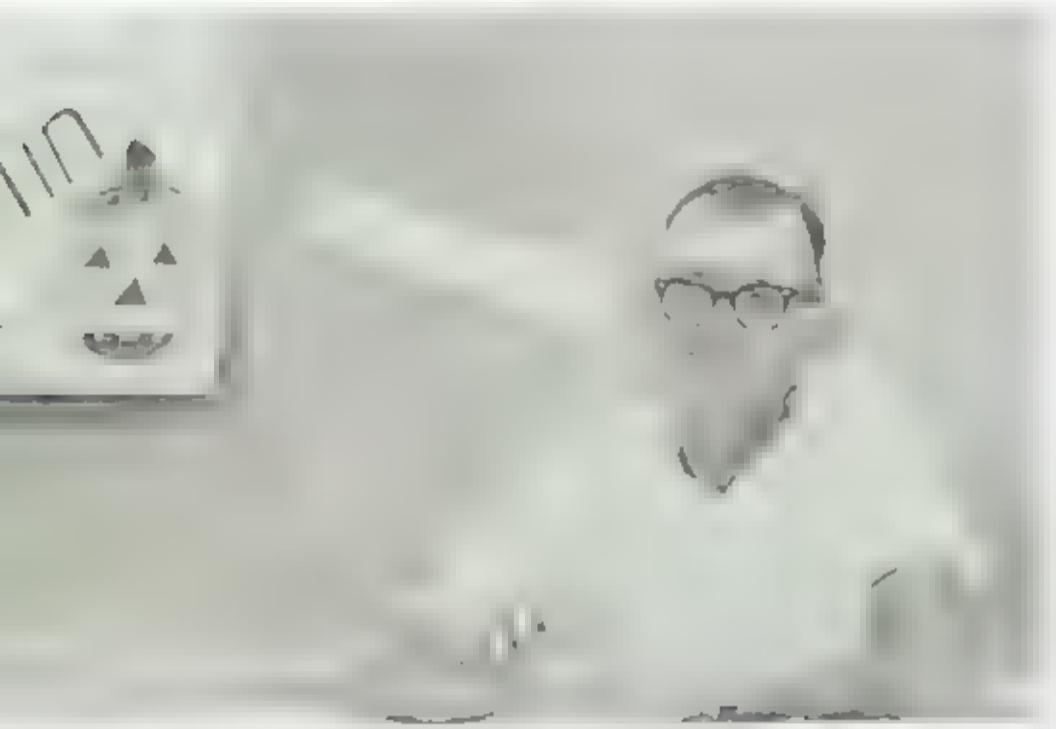
Mrs. Pruitt instructs her students on the proper way to handle cooking utensils.

Mildred Ros and Isabel Garza work earnestly to complete their class projects.



# PE STRENGTHENS MIND AND BODY

Physical education helps develop not only healthy bodies but sportsmanship among the students. Students actively participate in sports as well as in a classroom course on rules and regulations of physical education.



Uh! That's a good question!

Physical Education Department members are left to right - Coach Bill Walker, Mrs L. Tidwell, Coach Roland Jones, Coach D. Slayton.



Benjamin Garcia, as all the tennis students, uses proper serving techniques.





Mr. A. P. Solis  
Visiting Teacher



Teacher Aides are: Mrs. Acker, Mrs. B. Lugg, Mrs. Garza, Mrs. Drawe, Mrs. Moffett.

## VISITING TEACHER, AIDS, LIBRARY



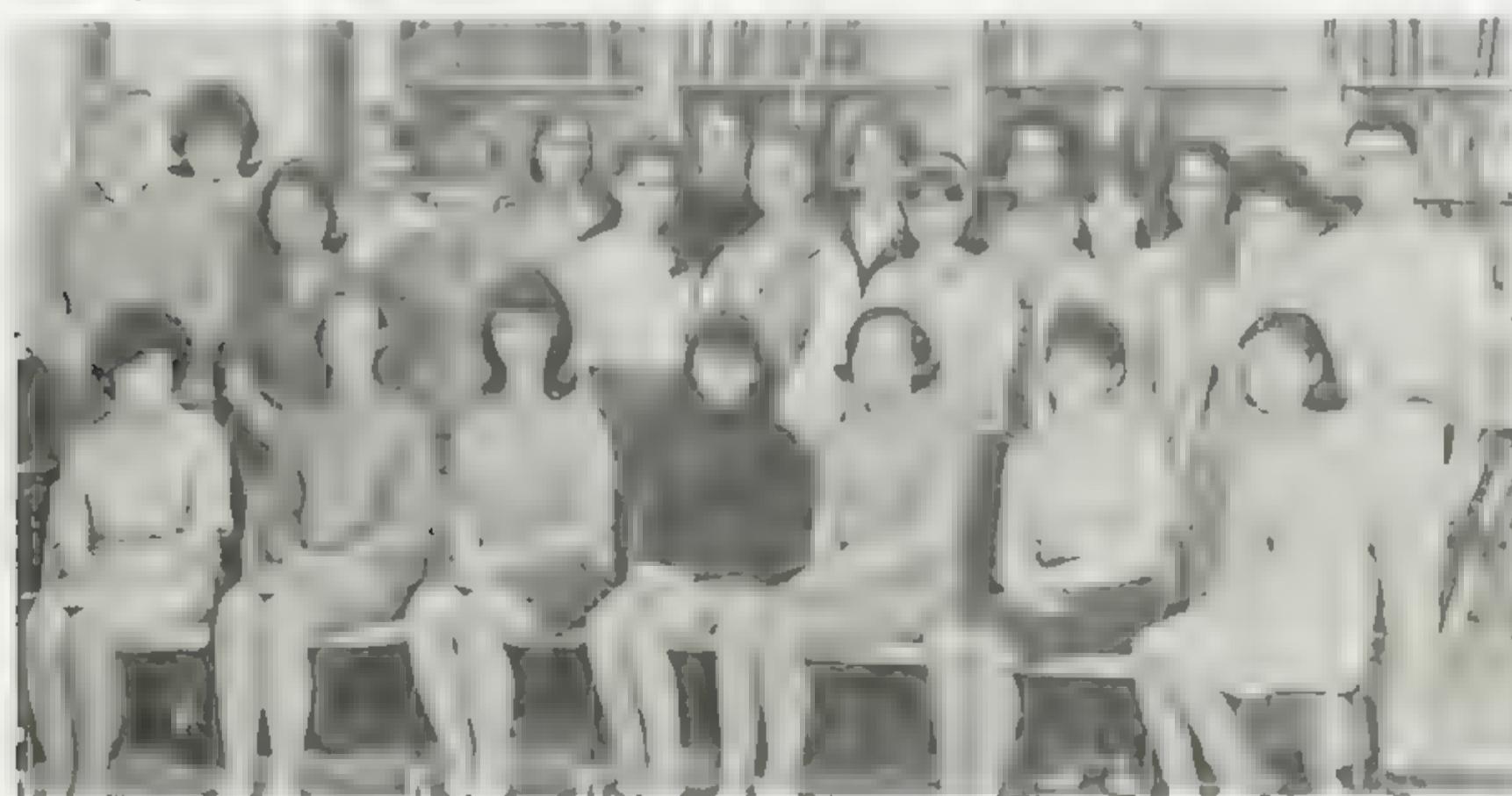
Library Aides to the left to right are Mrs. Acker, Mrs. Clegg, Maggie Hardness, Anna Lee, Mrs. Clegg, Marlene, Linda F. Mrs., Marleen Fisher, Olinda Gandy, Mary Lou Johnson, Brenda Anderson

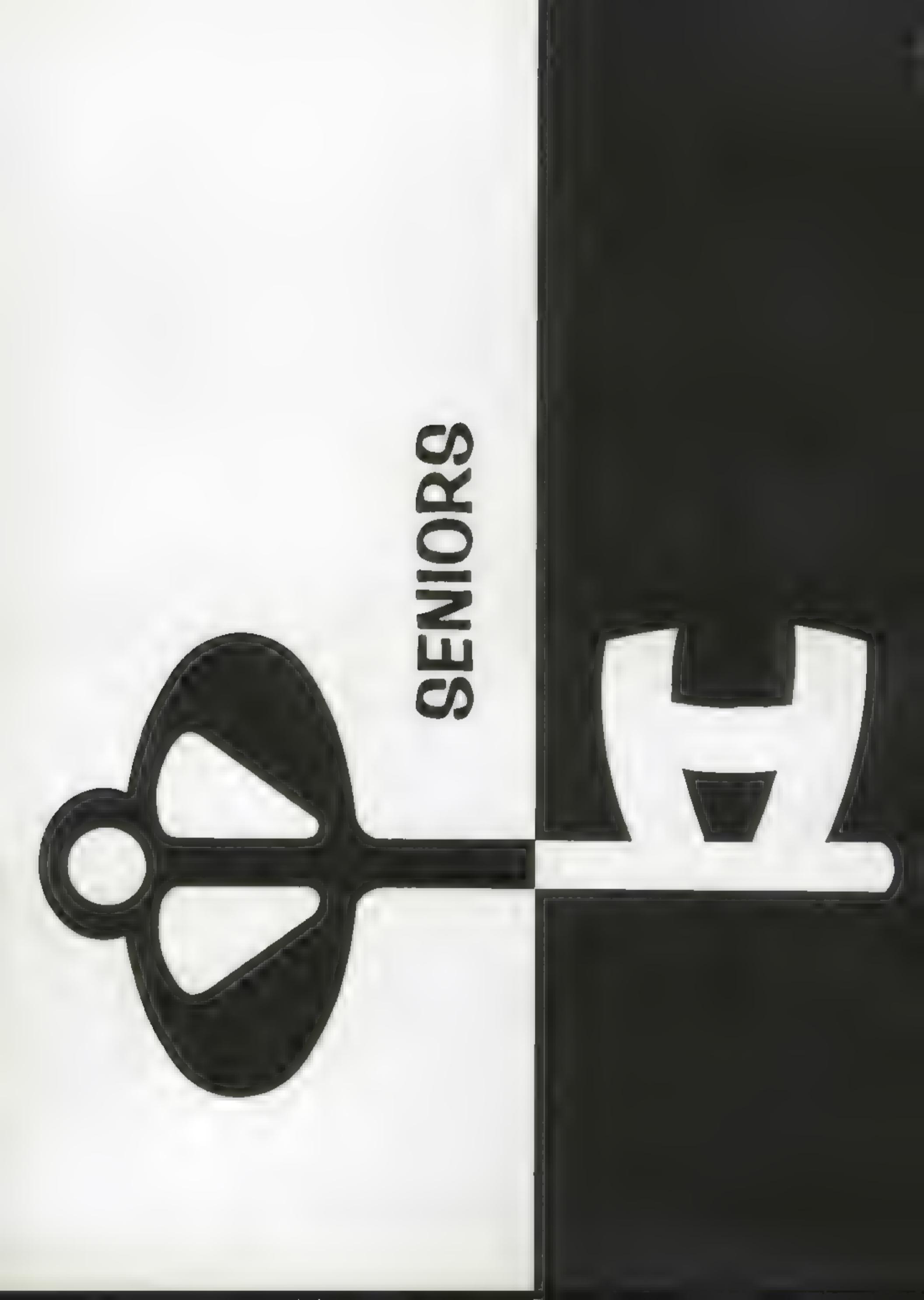


Mr. Held's Office workers are, left to right, Kneeling: Delia Trevino, Anne Salcedo, Ida Martinez, Concepcion Marquez, Rosie Cardell, Letty Areza, sitting: Jimette Fletcher, Maria Eusebia Rodriguez, Leonilda Gomez, Mary Alice Perez, Thelvora Alvarado, Rosie Sanchez, standing: Orlie Knapp, Vickie Wade, Irene Aguirre, Lydia De Hoyos, Sylvia Palacios, Alicia Villarreal, Margaret Torres, Rosie Caudillo, Billy Jo Irvin.

## ASSISTANTS, AND OFFICE WORKERS

Main Office Workers are, sitting, from left to right: Socorro Palomo, Cindy Champion, Barbara Roger, Yvonne Romeros, Claude Ramirez, Rosalinda Garza, Florinda Reyes. Row Two: Dennis Raulie, Emma Flores, Gretchen Hoyda, Carmen Garza, Diana Glettez, Elena Guajardo, Lupita de la Fuente, Lydia Barron. Row Three: Shirley Massey, Barbara Raulie, Susan Dillon, Patt Swain, Pat Harville, Nathy Garza, Fidelia Quintanilla, Trent Taylor.





**SENIORS**



Senior Class Officers, back row: Rolando Bono, Belinda Hernandez, Yolanda Ortiz, Bebe Crooks, Ramon Gonzales, and Homer Garza. Front row: Beatrice de Leon, Barbara Reger, Mary Edna Basaldua, Bebe Crooks, and Sharon Jones.

President . . . . .	Rolando Bono
Vice-President . . . . .	Homer Garza
Recording Secretary . . . . .	Beatrice de Leon
Corresponding Secretary . . . . .	Barbara Reger
Treasurer . . . . .	Belinda Hernandez
Reporter . . . . .	Yolanda Ortiz
Parliamentarian . . . . .	Ramon Gonzales
S.C. Secy. . . . .	Mary Edna Basaldua
S.C. Rep. . . . .	Bebe Crooks
S.C. Rep. . . . .	Sharon Jones

Senior sponsors are, left to right, Mr. Churchill, Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Goza, Mrs. Hild, and Mr. McQueen.



## SENIORS OF '68 SET GOOD EXAMPLES

In the fall of '67, about 136 students succeed in becoming the leaders of Mercedes High School. Prepared to face the future, the distinguished seniors met their last year with brighter hopes. Everything they did was important because it served as an example for the three other classes. Throughout the years they participated in many school activities. They held most of the offices in most of the clubs. In previous years they cooperated with other upperclassmen in making Mercedes High a better school. As they looked back through their school life they knew that they had accomplished a great deal.

By taking business courses many Seniors were prepared to go into the business world. While some did not take any business courses, they will undoubtedly go on to college. Taking college admission tests and applying for the different colleges are among the things they had to do. But regardless of all the hard work involved, the Class of '68 managed to set a good example for all the underclassmen to follow when their turn came to be the leaders of MHS.



Martin Albright



Barbara Altmann



## SENIORS COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER



"...if you can't, I must do it."



Angelita Benavidez



Mary Rose Benavidez



Jaime Aparicio

Art Aparicio

Miranda Baker

Keith Billings



José Rolando Bono

Yolanda Aparicio

Mary Edna Basaldúa

José Rolando Bono



Mary Helen Cantu  
Martha Chumely  
Cerda

Ernesto Cantu  
Miguel Chacon

## SENIORS ATTEND WEEKLY SENIOR MEETINGS



Seniors listen attentively at Senior meetings?

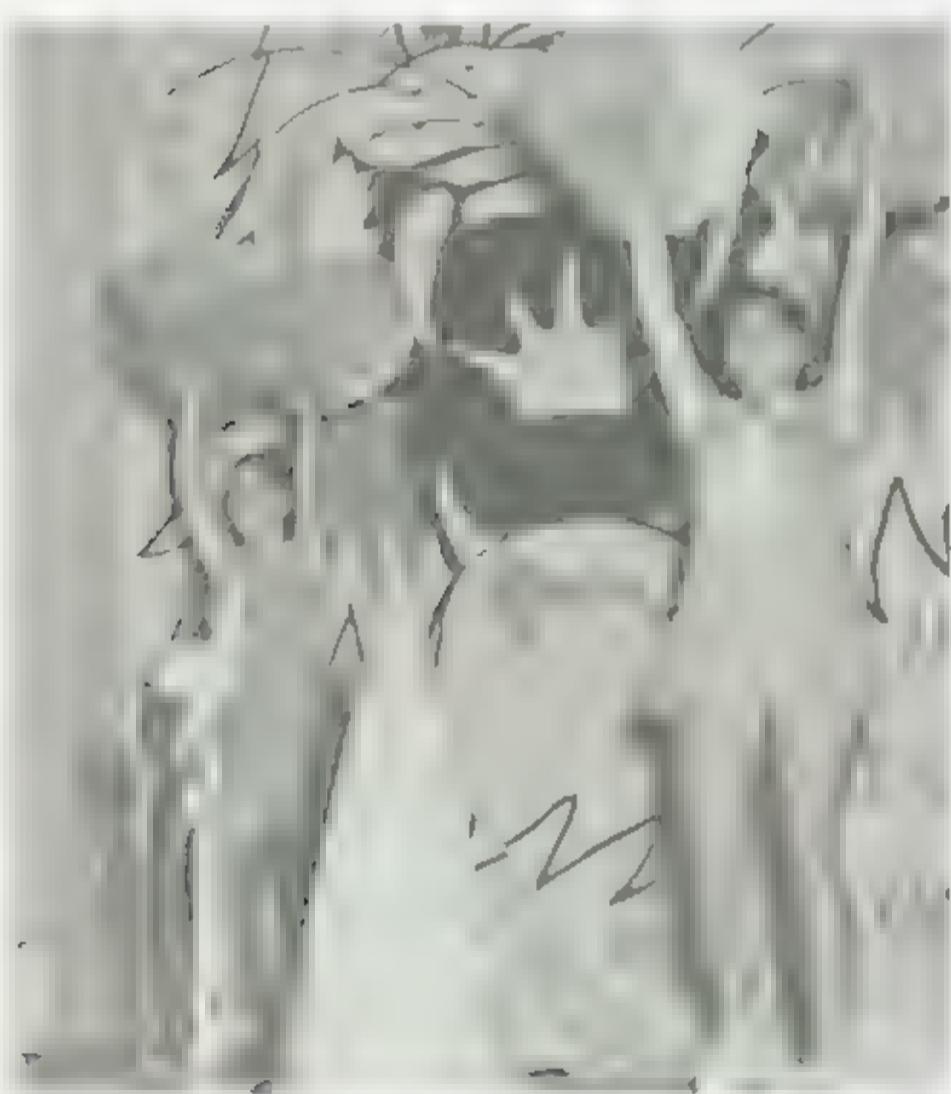
Martin Brewer  
Mary Helen Cantu  
Martha Chumely  
Bebe Crooks

Justa Cano  
Anita Cavazos  
Diana Cortez  
Ray Dillon



Edelmiro Dominguez  
Abraham Flores

Richard Prince  
Sam Huerta Flores



Sam Huerta Flores, Richard Prince, Edelmiro Dominguez,  
Abraham Flores



Sam Huerta Flores  
Richard Prince  
Edelmiro Dominguez  
Abraham Flores

Janet Fletcher  
Bert  
Tess  
Terry



We're going to walk these hall! !



Flida Garcia  
Maria Leticia Garcia  
Robert D. Garcia  
Natividad Garza

Margarita Garcia  
Vanessa Garcia  
Cynthia Garcia  
Susana Garza

Homer Garza  
Juan Miguel Gomez

Mario Garza  
Lydia Gomez

# SENIOR CANDIDATE BELINDA HERNANDEZ IS HALLOWEEN QUEEN



Diana Gonzalez  
Virginia Guerrero

Ramon Gonzalez  
Reynaldo Gutierrez

Rosalinda Gomez  
Ana Maria Gonzalez  
Felicitas Guajardo  
Roetta Harrell

Adan Gonzalez  
Cynthia Gonzalez  
Maria Anita Guajardo  
Belinda Hernandez



Miguel de Hernandez  
Ted Hollon  
Beatrice de Leon  
Lindley Lentz

Isabel Hernandez  
Janice Hoverson  
Catarino de Leon  
Armando Lopez

Lorraine Hinojosa  
Sharon Jones

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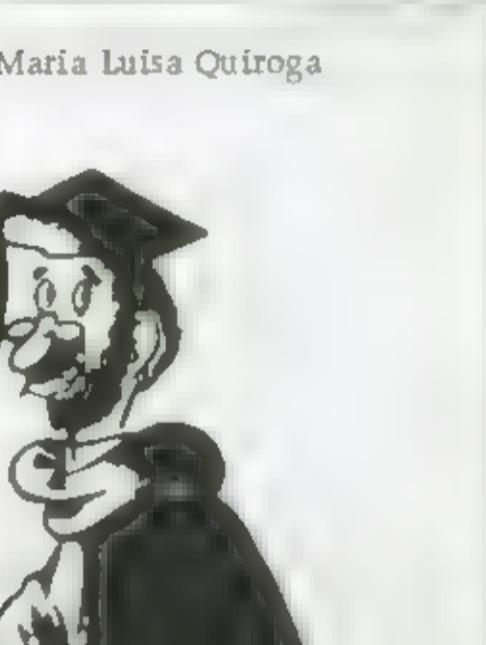


J. R. Bono, Class President, points out to Diane Ros the committee she has been appointed to.



Mary Lou Quintanilla

Maria Luisa Quiroga



Fidella Quintanilla  
Barbara Reger  
Maria Reyes  
Marilyn Roach

Arturo Rodriguez

Maria Elena Rodriguez

Clemente Ramos  
Florinda Reyes  
Diane Rios  
Mario Rodriguez



Dora Padilla  
John Pernelton

Armando Palacios  
Ernesto Pena Jr.

## SENIORS HELP STOP THE RAGING FLOOD WATERS



Yolanda Ortiz  
Daniel Parker  
Alberta Perez  
Augustin Presas



Sylvia Palacios  
Ruben Pena  
Saul Pineda  
Oralia Puentes



Gilbert Lopez  
Irma Martinez

Rolando Marroquin  
Juan Oscar Martinez



Seniors Homer Garza, Saul Pineda and Roland Marroquin clown around on the day before Christmas holidays.



Betty Jean Martell  
Shirley Massey  
Sandy Montgomery  
Linda Neuhans

Enoelia Martinez  
Sylvia Ann Mondragon  
Virginia Muroz  
Argentina Ortiz



Derrelene Ryan  
San Juanita Serna

Gloria Sauceda  
Gloria Silva

## SENIOR BAND MEMBERS GET THEIR JACKETS



Rodolfo Rodriguez  
Sherri Schwarz  
Clemente Solis  
Patti Swain

Elena de la Rose  
Leonel Serna  
Rosa Nelda Solis  
Margarita Torres





Enrique Trevino



Nelda Villareal



Consuelo Trevino  
Oscar Villareal



Odilia Valero  
Mary Zavala

THIS SPACE IS PROVIDED FOR  
SENIORS' INTELLIGENT REMARKS



SENIOR CLASS FAVORITES - Mary Edna Basaldúa and Keith Billings



Junior Class officers are Josefina Avila, Esther Sanchez, Kandyce Lugg, Veronica Galvan, Oscar Garcia, and Larry Schwarz.

President . . . . . Josefina Avila  
Vice-President . . . . . Esther Sanchez  
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Reporter . . . . . Oscar Garcia  
Parliamentarian . . . . . Larry Schwarz

This year's junior class favorites are Maureen Hager and Oscar Garcia.

## JUNIORS WILL BE NEXT YEAR'S LEADERS

During the year, the Junior Class works very hard on their many activities. Their main activity is planning the Junior-Senior Prom. Everyone helps to raise money this year by working at the concession stands at the football games.

To prepare themselves for being next year's leaders, Junior students run for the office of Student Council President and other major offices in the school clubs.

Juniors receive their Senior rings some time in March.

By participating in athletic events such as football, basketball, track, and baseball, Juniors help their school.





Esther Anciso

Josefina Avila

Desiderio Badillo Luis Barrera



Eliza Ayala  
San Juanita  
Barroso

Javier Ayala  
Elvia Basaldua



Edelmiro Briseno

Brenda Brothers



Marina Cano  
Lydia Cantu

Louis Bunton

Elva Cano



Elva Cantu

Johnny Cantu



Raul Cantu  
Mary Canty  
Maria Guadalupe Carreon



Carmen Castaneda



Joe Cavazos



Sandra Champion



Bertha Contreras



Teresa Contreras



Rene Cortez



Paul Cotter



Feliciano Cuadra



Minnie Daniels  
Myrthala Dominguez

Adan Estrada      Antonio Flandes

Judy Fiveash

Ricardo Diaz  
Arnoldo Flores  
Emma Flores





Johnny Flores



Veronica Galvan  
Bobby Garcia



Mary Flores



Claudio Garcia



Juanita Garcia

Joe Oscar Garcia



Oscar Garcia



Adolfo Garza  
Sandra Garcia

Rosa Garcia



Alicia Garza



Freddie Garza  
Pedro Garza



Rosalinda Garza

Jesse Gonzalez





Robert Gonzalez  
Elma Guajardo



Janie  
Guajardo  
Ramiro  
Guajardo



Maureen Hager



Elias Hernandez



David Hovda



Teresa Hoverson



David Howell  
Walter Howell



Estella Jilpas  
Joe Jilpas



Brad Jones



Gilsie Knapp



Dalia Leal



Colma Lentz



Estela Lopez



Esperanza Longoria



Arturo Manzano  
Mike Marroquin



Casimiro  
Martinez



Olga Martinez



Robert Miller



Rodolfo Mora



Gloria Lopez



Kandyce Lugg



Alma Marroquin  
Saul Martell





San Juanita  
Munoz  
Raul Morales

Rodolfo Ocanas

Lucy Ortiz

Anita Padilla

Robert Pena Jr.



Israel Perez

Nestor Perez



Tomas Petez  
Wally Prado



Sylvia Presas



Elva  
Quiroga  
Maria C.  
Ramirez



Dennis Raulie



James Reeves



Mildred Rios



Rudy Rivera



Isidro Robles



Olga Rocha



Obeth Rodriguez Roy Rodriguez

Hertlinda Rubio

Sofia Salazar

Gilbert Salinas



Benita Trevino  
Consuelo Valdez  
Odilia Vasquez  
Linda Wisner



Juanita Rodman  
Rosa Sanchez  
Esther Sanchez

Latry Schwarz

Donna Spradlin

Trent Taylor

Albert Trevino



Lydia Verasquez Alicia Villarreal

Daniel Villarreal

Friedella Villarreal

Vickie Wade





"Us Aggies don't always work!" Right, Mr. Murphy?



"Now men, don't get discouraged because we haven't won a single game."



VW's too small, huh, Mr. Bailey?



Why, Mr. Smith, what will your wife say!?

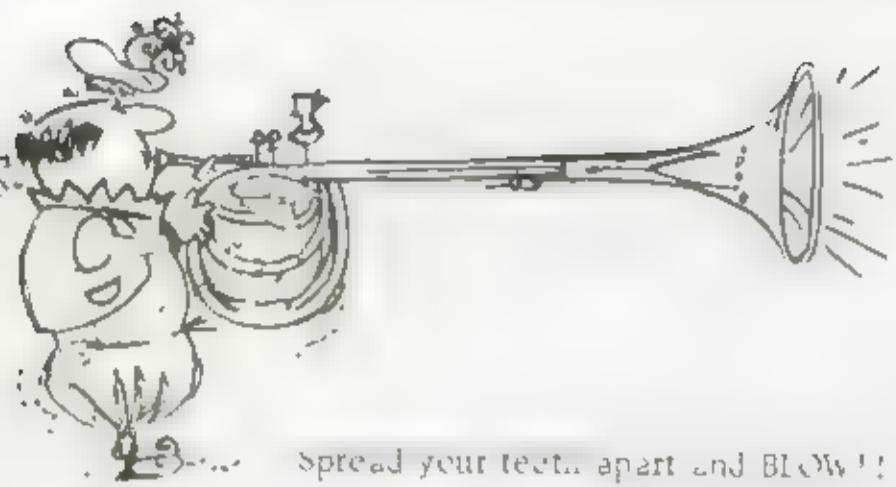


Good examples are always set by Ag. teachers.



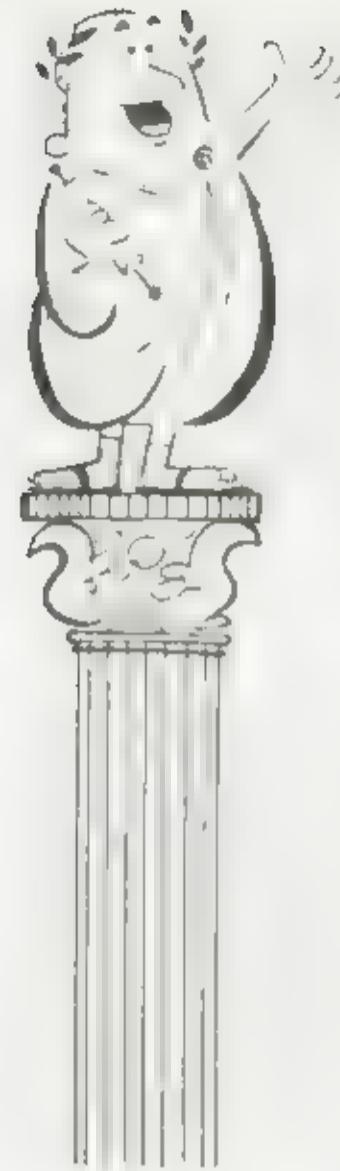
But Mr. Jones we don't understand Algebra.





Spread your teeth apart and BLOW!!!

How old did you say the machines  
were, Mrs. Pruitt?



Mr. Taylor here's your insert.

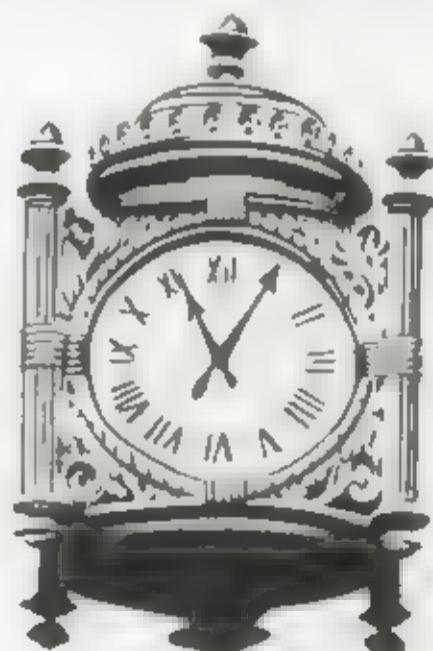
Revenge is  
sweet, Mr.  
Churchill.



Cecil Field always keeps order.



It is time for BENGAL to go to  
press and we are sorry the spring  
activities cannot appear in this  
annual. They will, however,  
be in next year's annual.





Sophomore Class Officers are, sitting, left to right: Irma Ortiz, Jesse Howell, and Cindy Champion. Standing, left to right, Gene Billings, Art Cowden, and Scott Sparrow.

President . . . . .	Jesse Howell
Vice-President . . . . .	Scott Sparrow
Secretary . . . . .	Cindy Champion
Reporter . . . . .	Irma Ortiz
Treasurer . . . . .	Gene Billings
Parliamentarian . . . . .	Art Cowden

## SOPHOMORES CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR SUCCESS

This year's sophomores have really shown their school spirit. The sophomores started the year by electing their class officers and later their class favorites.

Settled after their freshmen year, they were full of pep and ready to work. The sophomores had the opportunity to join organizations that were open to them.

Among other projects, the sophomores present a skit which is presented at the Junior-Senior Prom.

George Galvan and Irma Ortiz smile after being named class favorites.



Theodora Alaniz	Gary Albright	Diana Anciso	Rosalinda Badillo	Anna Maria Balboa	Larry Bandemer
Alma Banuelos	Donald Barber	Frank Basaldua	Marilyn Basinger	Bonnie Bazar	Juan Bernal
Gene Billings	Abigail Bocanegra	Kathy Boucher	Karen Brewer	Gerardo Briones	Cayetano Briseño
Fernando Briseño	Amadeo Cadena	Antonio Cano	EsmERALDA CANO	Humberto Cano	Magdalena Cárdenas

Magdalena Carreon	Benito Castañeda
Cindy Champion	Toni Chapa



An Cowden Ruth Ann  
Crenshaw



Mary Alice  
Daniels  
David Elizondo

Jaime  
de la Fuente  
Gilbert Flores

Lupita  
de la Fuente  
Minerva Flores

Rosie  
de los Santos  
Yolanda Flores

Susan Dillon  
Daniel Franco

Stephanie  
Dollery  
Rosario Galvan

Alma Garces  
Juan Garcia  
Maria Rosario  
Garcia  
Rene Garcia

Benjamin  
Garcia  
Maria Garcia  
Martha Garcia  
Tomasa Garcia

Emma Garcia  
Maria Garcia  
Miguel Garcia  
Isabel Garza  
Mary Garza

Nelda Gatza  
Richard Givens

Nellie Mac  
Garza  
Linda Gomez





Robert Gomez  
Benuncio  
Gonzalez

Anita Gonzalez  
Venancio  
Gonzalez

Denise Gonzalez	Joe H. Gonzalez	Miguel Gonzalez	Oscar Gonzalez
Pedro Gonzalez	Reymundo Gonzalez	Reymundo Gonzalez Jr.	Roy Gonzalez
Sylvia Gonzalez	Gloria Gorena	Mike Green	Jimmy Greenwood
Anna Maria Guerra	Elvia Guerra	Johnny Guerrero	Pablo Gutierrez

Mary Guzman	Mark Hartnell	Raul Hinojosa	Jesse Howell	Eddie Irvin	Bobbi Kaye Jones
Darrell Jones	Ofelia Leal	Antonio Lozano	Isabel Luna	Jack Lyons	Rosalinda Marroquin





Bobby Martell  
Anastacio  
Martinez  
Sylvia  
Martinez

Gabino  
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Steven Mejia

Concepcion  
Mendoza



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Mireles  
Cathy  
Mitchell

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Ester  
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David  
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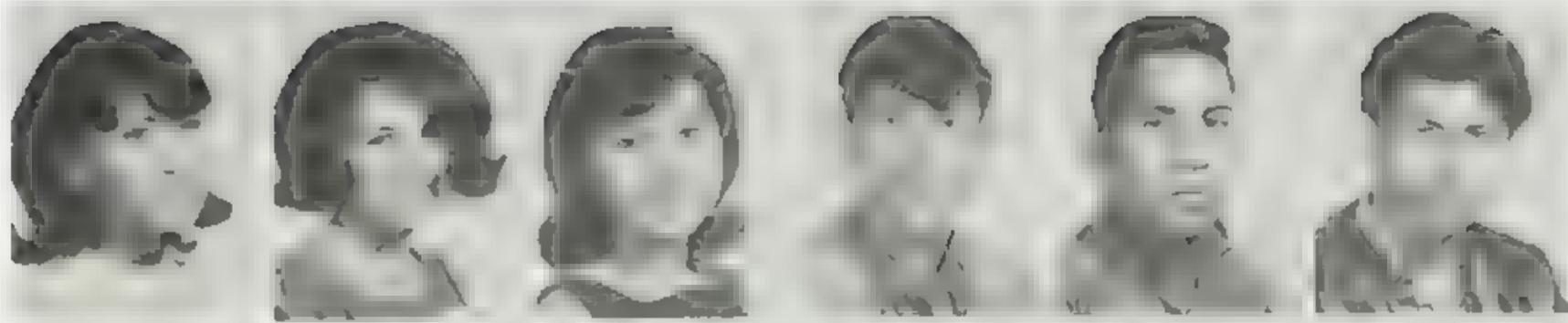


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Pedro Reyna

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Gladys Rincon  
Angelita Rivera  
Becky Rodriguez

Rolando Rios  
Adan Rodriguez  
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Yvonne Rometos  
Teresa Salas

Oralia Ruiz  
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Diana Silva  
Glenn Stewart



Betti Sisk  
Beverly Taylor



Elia  
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Delia Trevino  
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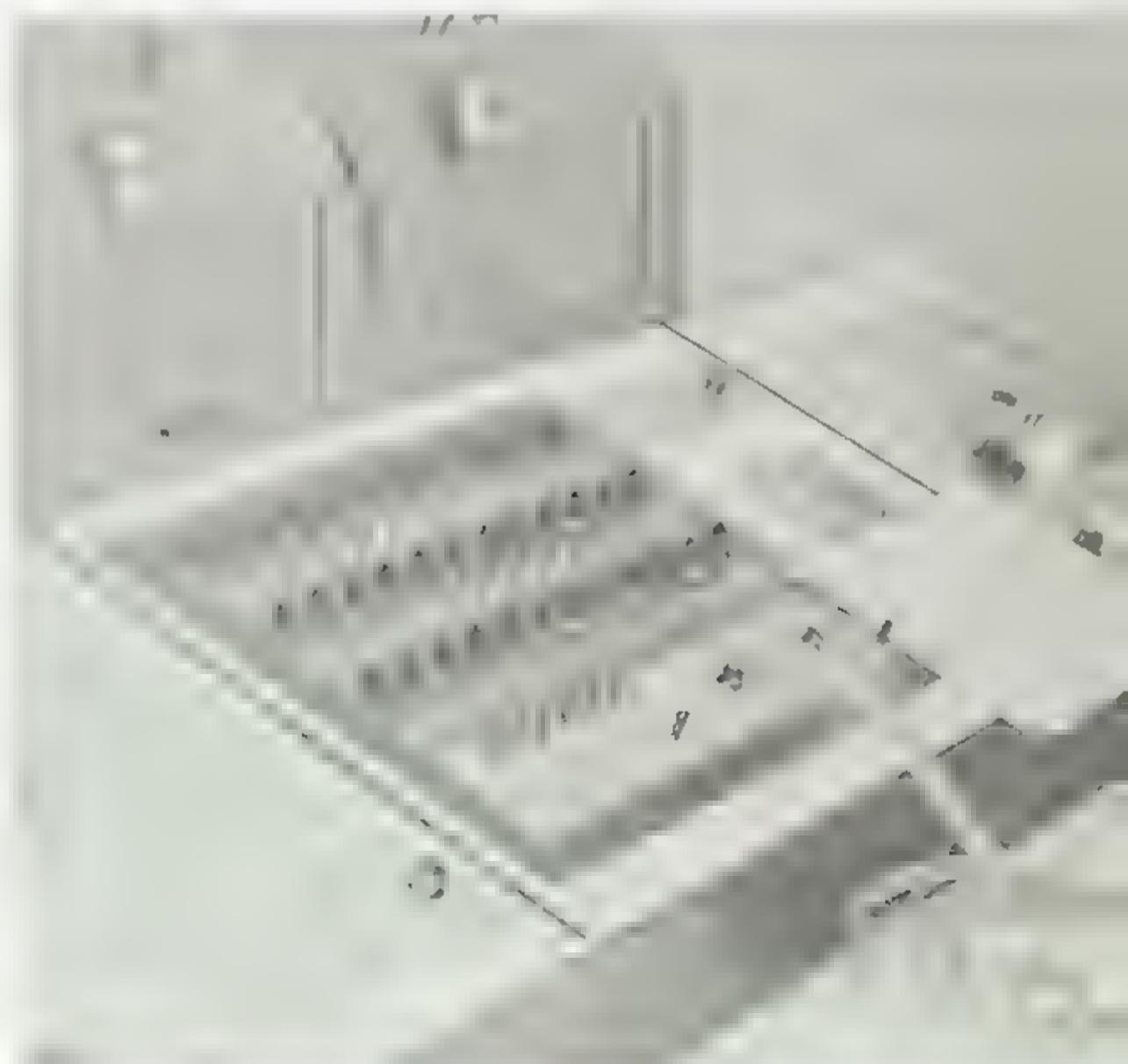


John Welch





## STUDENTS RESPOND TO ACADEMIC CHALLENGES





Freshmen class officers lead the freshmen class through trials and tribulations. They are from left to right: Gary Schwarz, George Metzger, Barbara Anderson, Ann Lauder, and Barbara Raulie.

## FRESHMAN DISPLAY ENTHUSIASM

President . . . . .	Gary Schwarz
Vice-President . . . . .	George Metzger
Secretary . . . . .	Ann Lauder
Treasurer . . . . .	Barbara Anderson
Parliamentarian . . . . .	Barbara Raulie

This year there are approximately 208 "fish" who are very enthusiastic about entering their first year of high school. Most of them are a little bit nervous and scared at first, but after a few days they get accustomed to the routine of high school. This year's freshmen participated very actively in the Halloween Carnival. They worked hard to support their candidate who was Mary Elizabeth Soto.



Attending the Fall Student Council Convention in Corpus Christi is a happy experience for these freshmen.



Petra Aguilar  
John Allen  
Juantta Alvarado  
Barbara Anderson  
Etendira Apuncio



Manuel Barroso  
Salvador Barroso  
Mary Lou Benavidez  
Robert Benavidez

Rogelio Arellas  
Brenda Barrera  
Jaime Barron  
Lydia Barron



Sylvia Bernal



Chris Ann Bray  
Oralia Briones  
Primitivo Campos



San Juanita Campos  
Albert Cano  
Joe Cano



Aliza Cansino



Gilbert Cansino  
Kathy Canty  
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Guadalupe Casarez



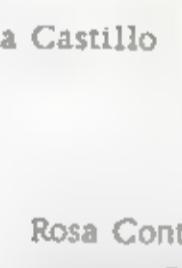
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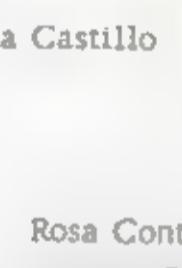
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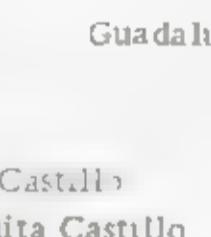
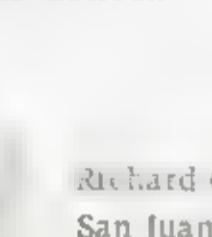
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Elizabeth Flores  
Emilio Flores Jr.



Fernando Luis Flores  
Fernando Flores

Oscar Flores  
San Juanita Flores



Silverio Galaviz  
Juan Pablo Gallago  
Dora Galvan



Gloria Garcia  
Juanita Garcia



Mario Garcia  
Mary Ann Garcia  
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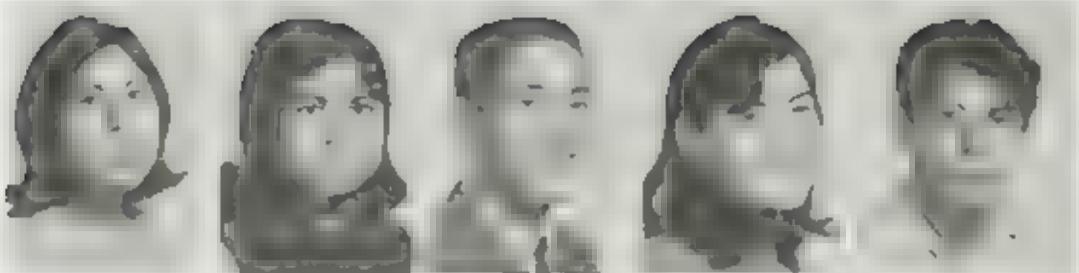


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Gloria Gutierrez  
Rosa Guzman

Barbara Harris  
Pat Harville



Yolanda Hernandez

Johnny Hernandez  
Manuel Hernandez  
Reynaldo Hernandez



Beth Herndon  
Hilda Hinojosa

Sylvia Hinojosa  
Joyce Hoffman



Donald Hollon  
Debbie Horn  
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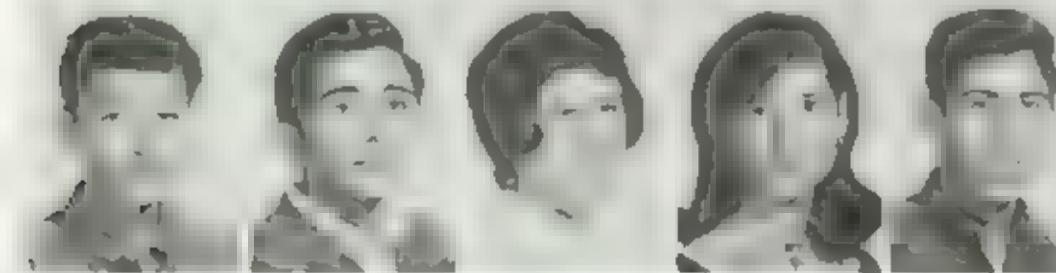
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Sandra Marroquin  
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Diana Martinez  
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Larry Milian  
Dale Miller



Maria Elena Morales  
Julian Moreno Jr.



Candelaria Munoz  
Steve Murray  
Diana Najar



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Ricardo Ocanas  
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Ronnie Pena  
Alicia Perez



Joe Perez  
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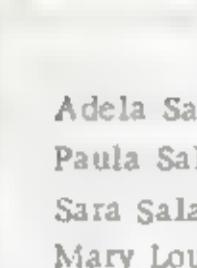
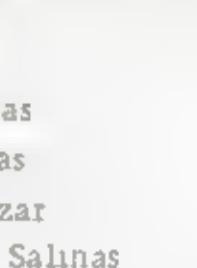
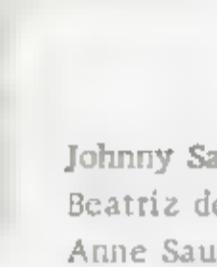
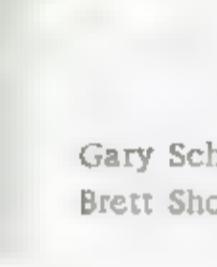
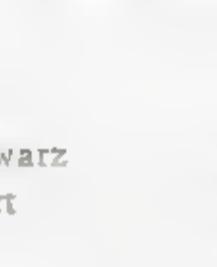
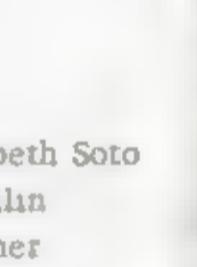
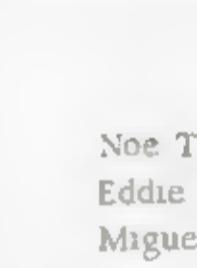
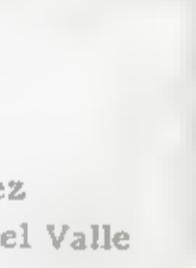
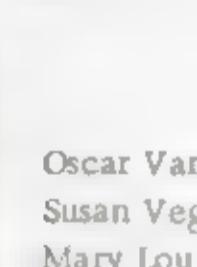
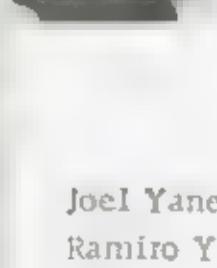
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Daniel Saucedo

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Diana Terran  
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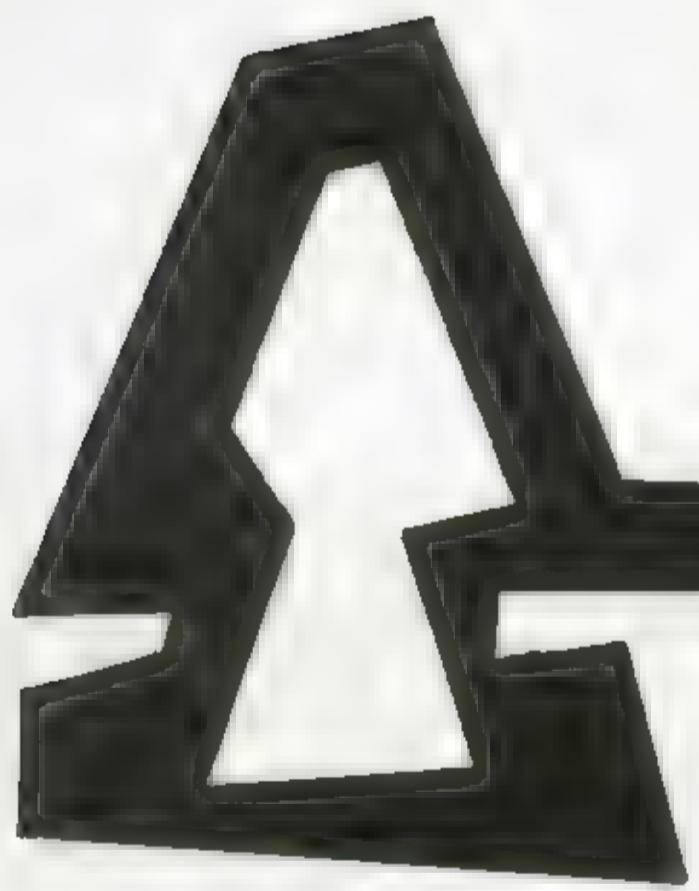
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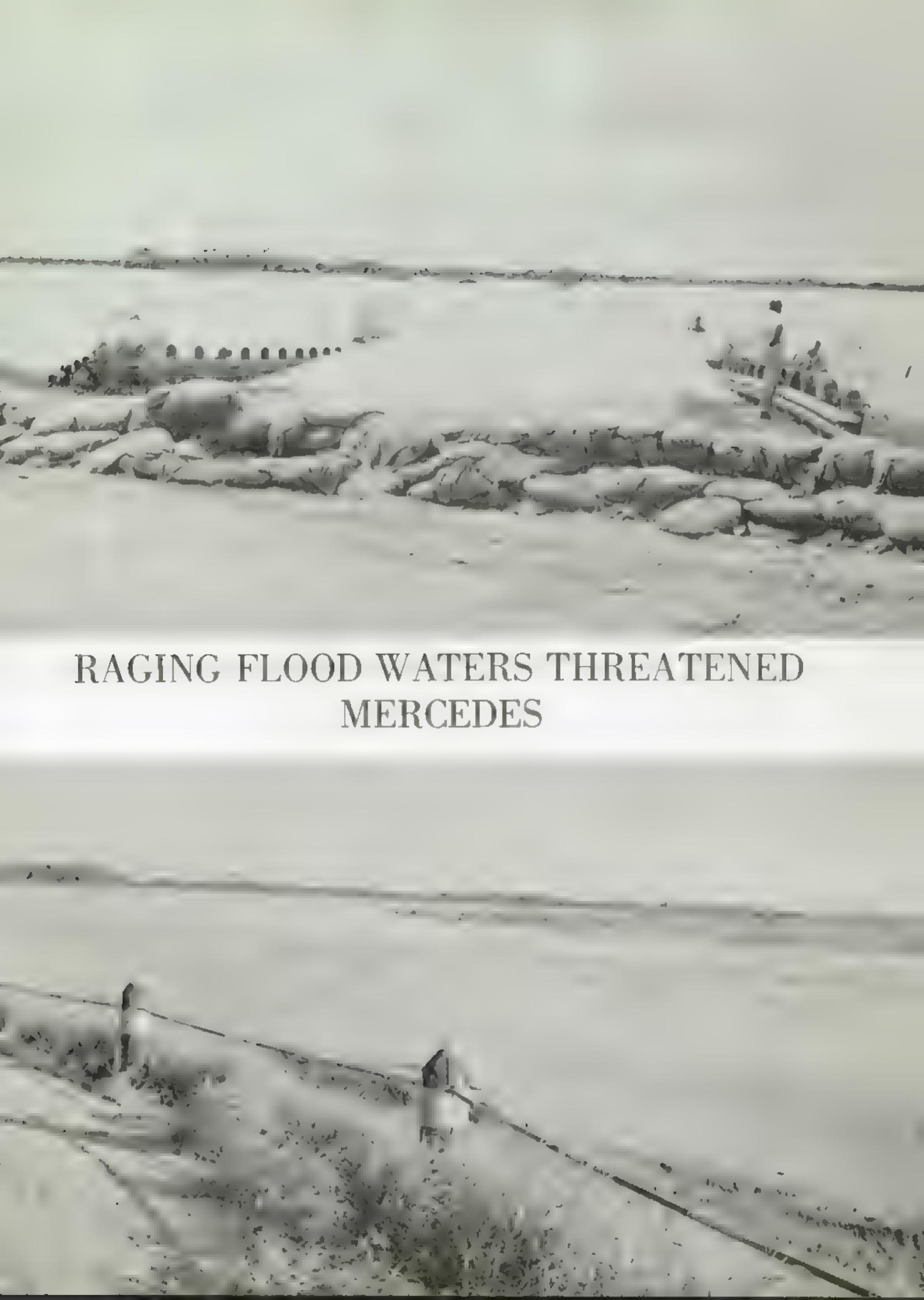
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# ACTIVITIES



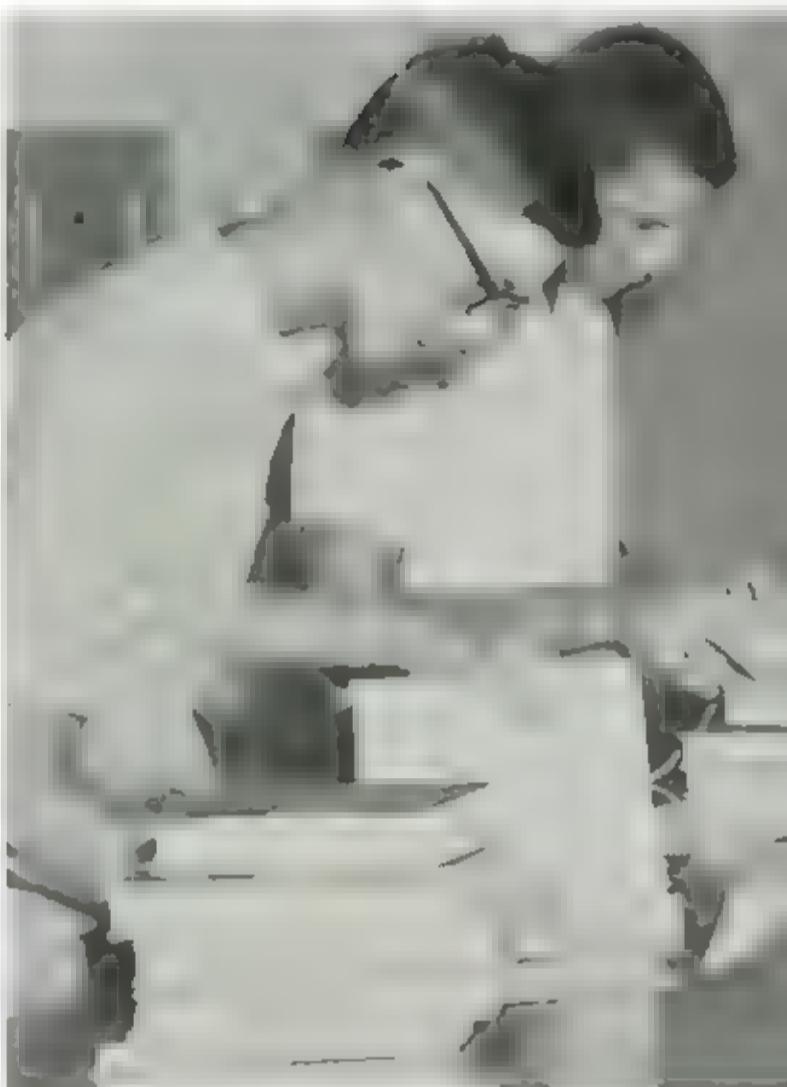


RAGING FLOOD WATERS THREATENED  
MERCEDES

# SEPTEMBER



The Annual Quarterback Club honors football players and coaching staff with a barbecue.



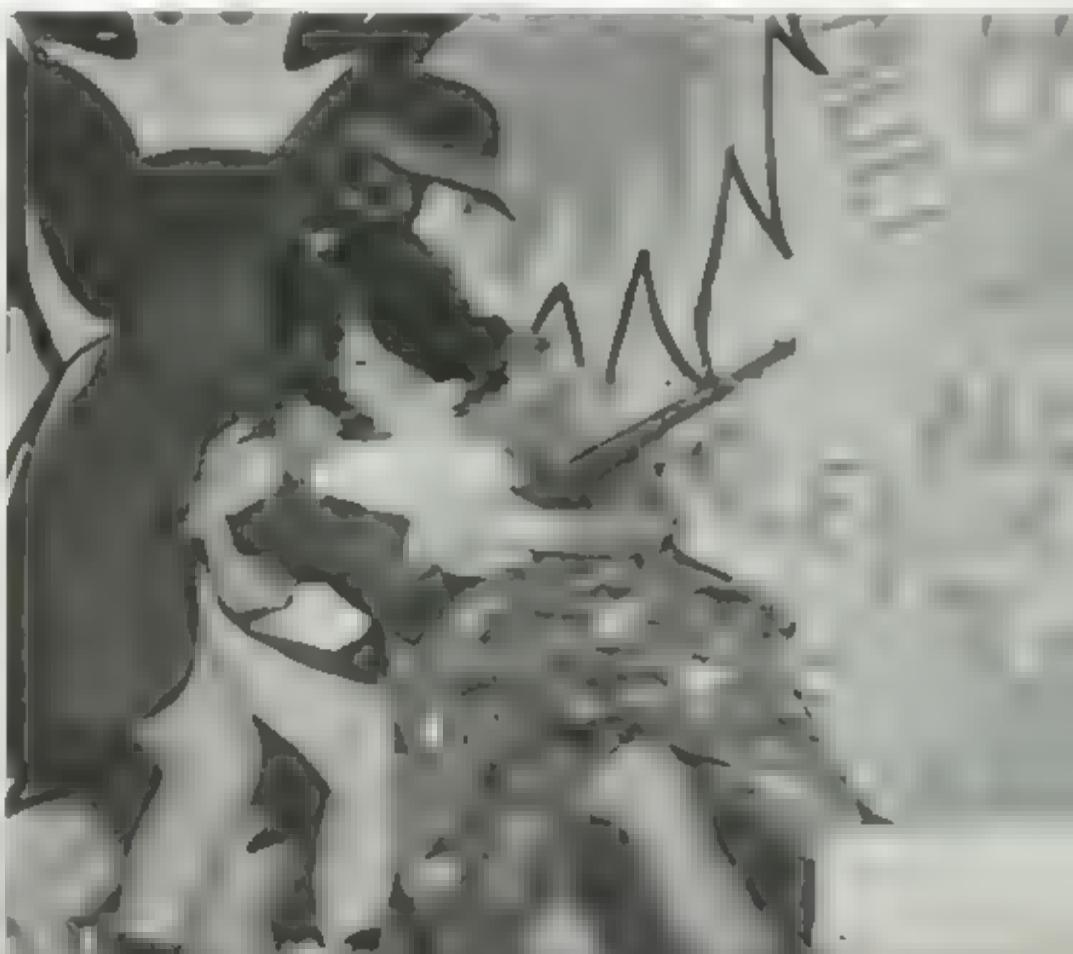
Registration was a busy day for students of Lentz and Ray Dillon are busy writing down names of Mr. Saldana.



Posing in the New Library is September Rotary Couple, Sherri Schwarz and Keith Billings.

Registration, the Quarterback Bar-B-Q, and Rotary Couple are among some of September's activities. The Quarterback Bar-B-Q is held in honor of the football players. The faculty chooses the Rotary Couple for each month. September Rotary couple is Sherri Schwarz and Keith Billings.

Cheerleaders displayed ability in "chicken man" skit at the pep rally.



# BEGINS WITH MANY ACTIVITIES



Mercedes High School. Lindley  
book numbers with the instruc-



Stern Schwartz namely receives her 1st Bengal from Bengal staff member Mary Edna Basalo '33

The aftermath of Beulah left much destruction as it stormed up the Texas Coast. This is a month to remember.



September was the month for hurricanes, namely Beulah. Beulah struck and left MHS treeless on September 20.



Our first pep rally at the new school proved to be very exciting. Everyone had great spirit and cheered the Tigers on in hope of victory. Yolanda and Irma Ortiz await a gridiron fight in store for the Tigers.

# FUN, FUN, FUN, AT MHS

In October we moved to the New School. Everyone was awed at all the modern facilities. We had been looking forward to this, especially because of the air-conditioning.

Hard working Carnival Queen Candidates raised money for the band.



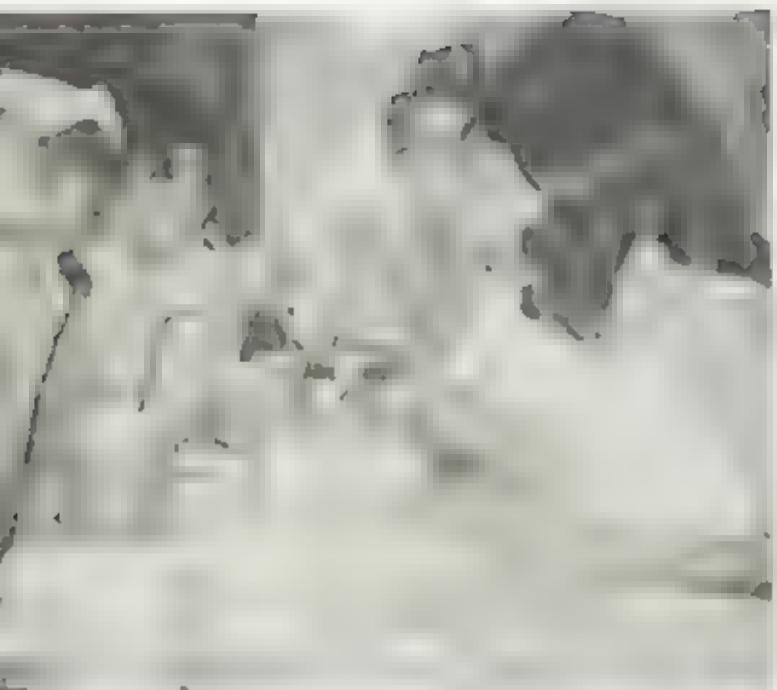
Study Hall students eagerly take advantage of the extensive library facilities at the new school.

Mr. Barton helps students with problems concerning office workers, Karen and Stephen.



Ed Rios sells pop corn balls to Diane Praise money during the Halloween





Halloween Carnival students were busy raising money. Here we let them have time off for lunch.

## IN OCTOBER



As preparation for the new school year, Mr. Abbott gave a special assembly to explain to the students what to expect in the new school year.



Cheerleaders dance to the tune of "Tiger Rag" as the crowd chants "Beat the Jackets". The bonfire proved to be very exciting.

Highly spirited Twirlers help build the already booming Tiger spirit and add spice to the street pep rally before the Mercedes-Westaco football game.





November's Rotary Couple is Beatrice de Leon and Robert D. Garcia.



During the Christmas holidays, Great White Hunter Scott came back, like many students, from a successful safari after killing a man-eating beast.

Myrtala, Gloria, and Connie decide from the only providers of food, the candy machine, which one will satisfy their sweet tooth.



Scott and Gary find playing "Old Maid" a very relaxing game during time off from taking pictures.





Donald Barber demonstrates the ability to shave off peach-fuzz from Tony Lozano.

Activities were the main event of these months with the selecting of the Rotary Couples and also leading to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Mercedes High School students went hunting during both of these holidays and came back with plenty of game.

Singing was also part of the Christmas spirit, provided by the foreign language and Y-Teens.



Bebe Crooks and Rolando Bono pose after being chosen as this month's Rotary Couple.

## ACTIVITIES FLOURISHED DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Students enjoy entertainment during the lunch hour by the foreign language students singing Christmas carols of different countries.





Initiated lettermen of the "M" Association are, standing: Larry Schwarz, Lindley Lentz, Bobby Martell, Robert de los Santos, Albert Gonzalez. Kneeling: Gary Schwarz, Joel Rodriguez, Manuel Hernandez, and Eddie Torres.

## "INITIATIONS" AND "SPOTLIGHT" ARE HEADLINERS

During January, new lettermen joining the "M" Association received "T" haircuts as part of their initiation. The faculty announced for the January Rotary Couple, Ray Dillon and Janice Hoverson. February Rotary Couple was Barbara Reger and Sammy Montgomery.

Chaperoned Spotlight Dance brought MSHers to the Cafetorium to see the winners of the Spotlight Contest. Those chaperoning the dance were several teachers including Mr. Taylor who was considered the real "swinger".

Selected by the faculty, Ray Dillon and Janice Hoverson are the Rotary Couple for January.



Chaperons Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Gover move to the pace of a polka at the spotlight dance.

Baldheads are seen clowning around after some boys decided on an invasion by cutting their hair "short".





Spotlight Contest winners were front row: George Galvan, Bellinda Hernandez, Gloria Silva, Mary Ann Basaldua, and Irma Ortiz. Row Two: Armando Lopez, Beatrice de Leon, Elizabeth Soto, and Oscar Garcia.



Barbara Reger and Sammy Montgomery are February's Rotary Couple.



"Alright, we wrote CHICKEN MAN down, see it is to be what Kelt is saying after MHSers signed the scroll that was sent to Viet Nam.



Students of all classes enjoy music by the Skylarks at the Spotlight dance honoring the Spotlight contest winners.



Ice cream, anyone?

Ghost of MHS.

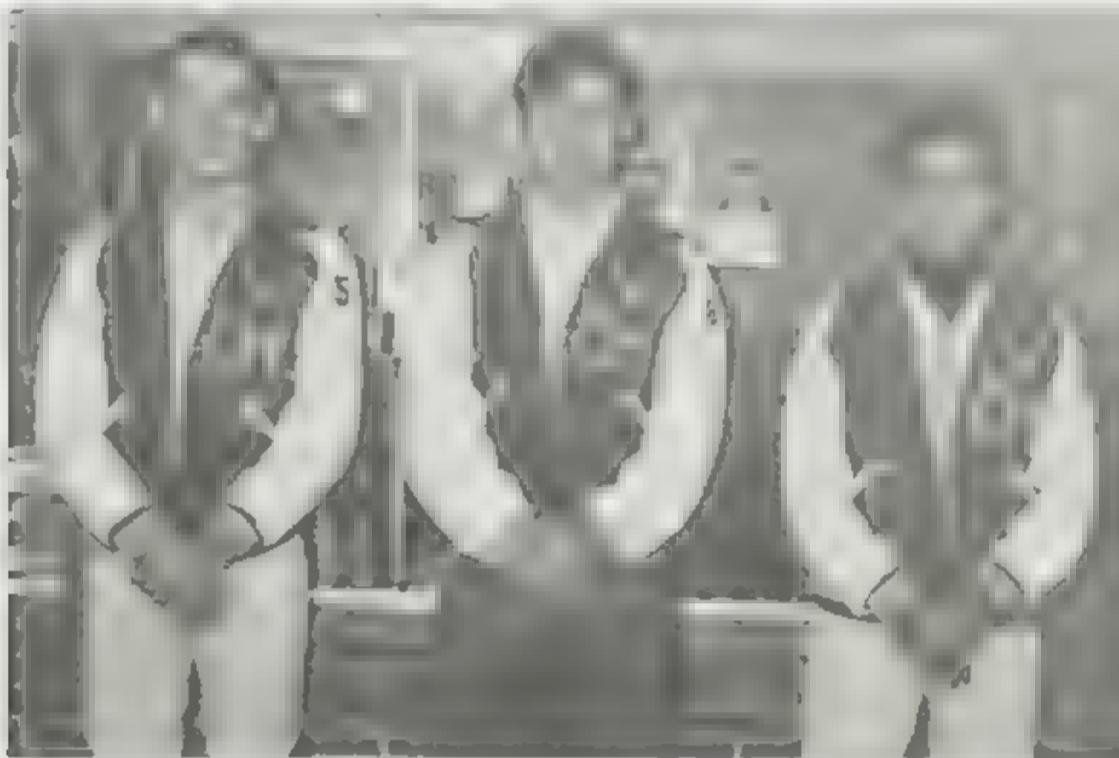




SPORTS

## COACHES AID TIGERS

Mr. Dale Hatley is head football coach. His staff consists of Doyle Slaton offensive line, Robert Fernandez defensive line, and Roland Jones defensive backfield. Assistant coaches are Bill Walker, Jim Cuthbertson, Alex Estrada, Tom Villarreal, and Joe Gonzales.



Tri-captains for the '67 Tiger team are Larry Schwarz, Sammy Montgometry, and Roy Rodriguez

Head Athletic Director Dale Hatley is caught instructing and preparing his team for their next opponent.



MHS coaches are, kneeling: Joe Gonzales, Roland Jones, Robert Fernandez, Bill Walker. Standing are Jim Cuthbertson, Alex Estrada, Tom Villarreal, Doyle Slaton, and Dale Hatley.

# TIGERS SHOW PROMISE FOR FUTURE YEARS

This year's "FIGHTING TIGERS", short on experience, showed great promise for next year. Even though the team won only one game their spirit continued to be high throughout the season.

The Student Body showed the "Tigers" that they were behind them by yelling for them at the Pep Rallies and supporting them at the games.

The Tiger's first game was against the Edinburg Bobcats. However, the Bobcats proved to be too much for the "Fighting Tigers" of M.H.S. The Tigers went down in defeat by a score of 32-0.

"Victory" yelled the crowd and a VICTORY it was as the Tigers showed the Brownsville Eagles by a score of 21-14.

After defeating a 4A school the Tigers lost 9 of their district's games, apparently caused by injuries of three of their starters No. 22, No. 11, and No. 64.

Roy Rodriguez  
Senior Fullback  
2 years



Saul Pineda  
Senior Wingback  
3 years



Jesse Garces  
Senior Tackle  
1 year



Lindly Lentz  
Senior Guard  
1 year



Rolando Bono  
Senior Tackle  
2 years



Jaime Perez  
Junior Tailback  
1 year

Sammy Montgomery  
Senior Guard  
3 years





Roy Rodriguez (30) runs to score another touchdown against the Brownsville Eagles in a very exciting victory for the Tigers.



Ted Hollan  
Senior Guard  
1 year



Larry Schwarz  
Junior Center  
1 year



Tiger quarterback Eddie Torres (10) hands off to fullback Roy Rodriguez (30) for considerable yardage against the Edinburg Bobcats.



Isidro Robles  
Junior End  
1 year



David Hovda  
Junior Tackle  
1 year



Arnoldo Flores  
Junior Tackle  
1 year



Teodoro Tanguma (81) carries another pass from Tiger Quarterback Jack Lyons to score a touchdown against a tough Donna defense.

Teodoro Tanguma  
Sophomore Fullback  
1 year

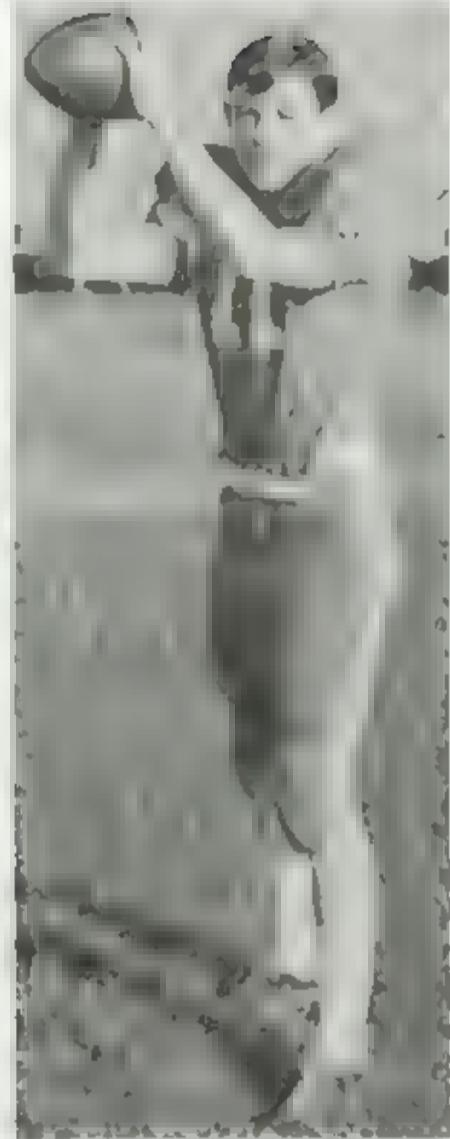


Ricky Torres  
Sophomore End  
1 year



Jack Lyons  
Sophomore Quarterback  
1 year

Ricky Torres  
Sophomore Fullback  
1 year





Robert De los Santos  
Sophomore Halfback  
1 year



Jaime Perez (23) the workhorse of the Mercedes Tigers carries ball to make yardage against a tough Mission defense.



Teodaro Tanguma (33)  
intercepts a Weslaco  
pass for yardage.



Bobby Martell  
Sophomore Tackle  
1 year



Juan Garcia  
Sophomore Halfback  
1 year

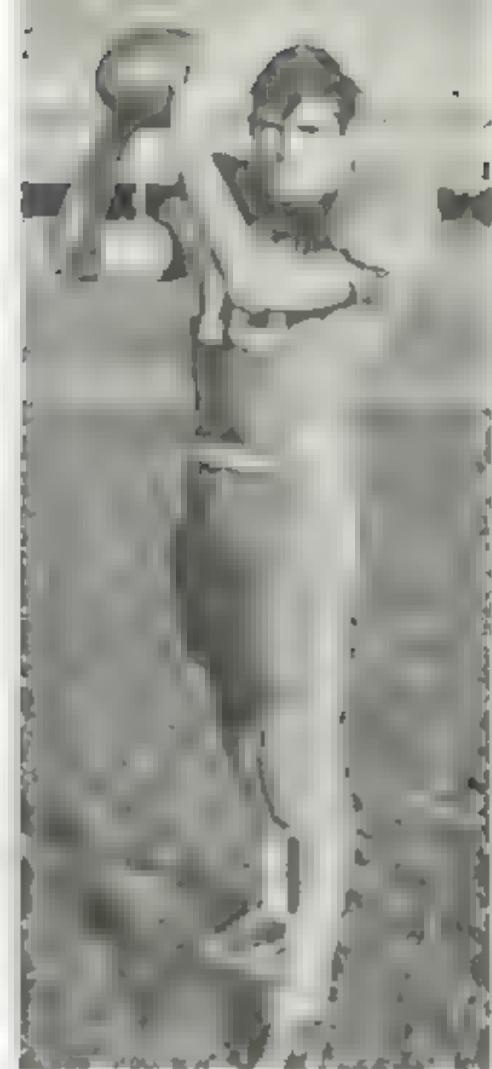
Art Cowden  
Sophomore Center  
1 year



Manuel Hernandez  
Freshman Halfback  
1 year



George Metzger  
Freshman Center  
1 year



Eddie Torres  
Freshman Quarterback  
1 year

## FRESHMEN AND B-TEAM GAIN EXPERIENCE

Although these boys lacked experience they were an invaluable asset and will help make a better football team for next year. The B-Team did not have a good year but will make good "Tigers". Coaches for the B-Team were Tom Villarreal, Robert Fernandez, and Bill Walker.

Joe Cano  
Freshman Tackle  
1 year



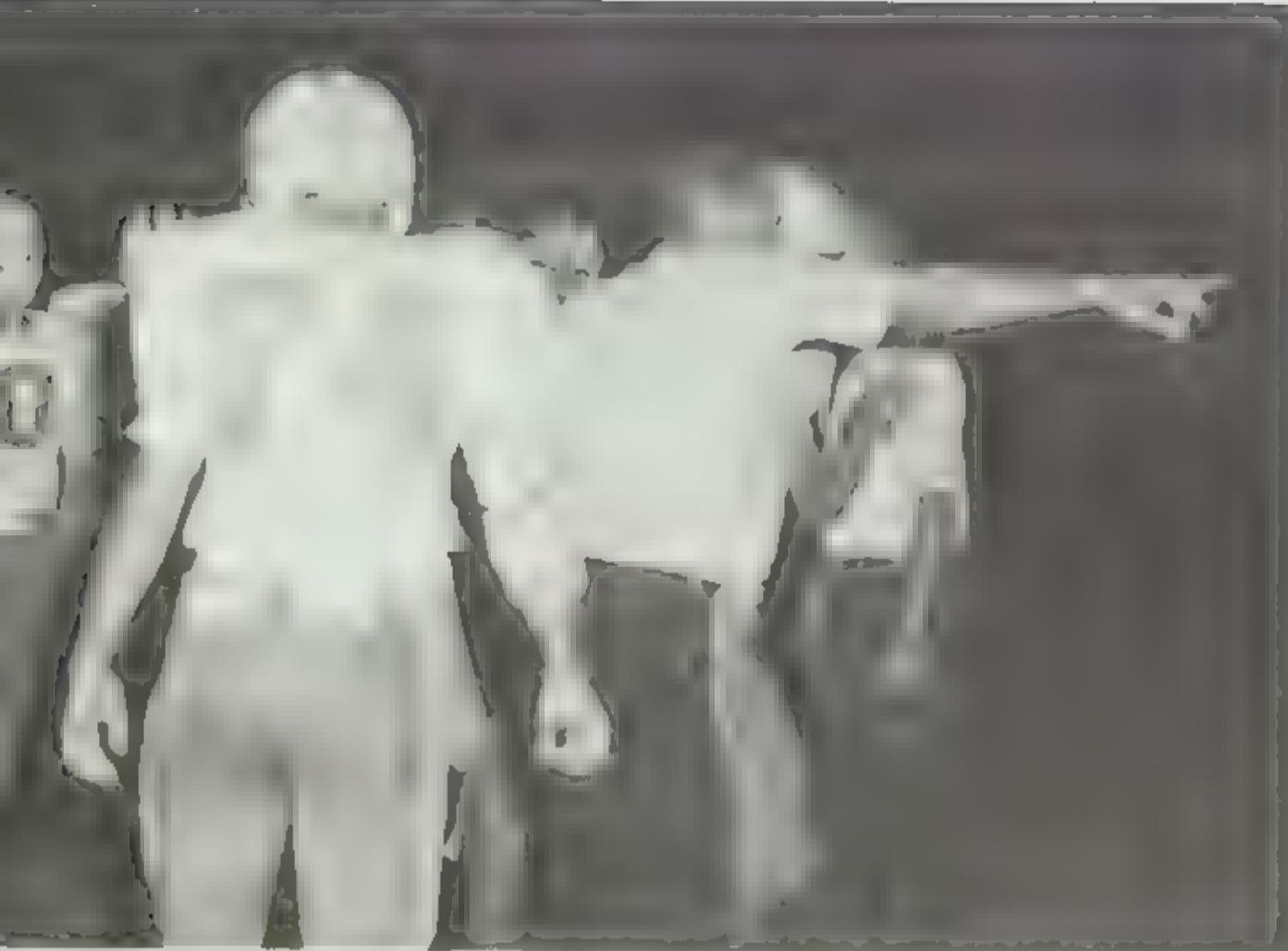
Anastacio Martinez  
Freshman End  
1 year



Gary Schwartz  
Freshman Halfback  
1 year



Antonio Cano  
Freshman Guard  
1 year



Coach Dale Hatley points out weaknesses of the opposing team to No. 84 Anastacio Martinez, while No. 10 awaits instructions.



Pedro Aguilar  
Freshman Linebacker  
1 year

B Team members are R. Hugo Castillo, Hector Rocha, Faelmo Briseno, Oscar Closner, Rolando Sanchez, Darrel Jones, Dale Miller. Second row, Johnny Wade, Jimmy Wade, Robert Miller, Robert Hunter, Albert Cano, Ramiro Yanez, Leonard Serna, Ramiro Gajardo, Jaime Barron, Mark Van Berg. First row, George Galvan, Charlie Saavedra, Alfonso Perez, Oscar Salinas, Amadeo Martinez, Bobby Garcia, Javier Galvan, Emilio Flores, Jimmy Greenwood. The coaches are Tom Villarreal, Robert Fernandez, and Bill Walker





Team members are, front row: Fernando Chamey, Eddie Torres, Jack Lyons, Adolfo Garza, Teodoro Targuma, Tisso Garza, Tony de la Rosa, manager. Back row: Coach Walker, David Hovda, Rolando Bono, Sam Montgomery, Roy Gonzales, Art Cowden, Ted Hollon, manager.

Coach Bill Walker exhibited his ability in coaching all year.



## CAGERS EXHIBIT SPORTSMANSHIP

A young ball club proved itself worthy during a tough season. A team consisting of only two seniors, performed stupendously against heavy odds.

Coach Walker guided his team to a couple of victories.

Coach Walker looks forward to a winning season next year, with an experienced team.



Rolando Bono, Senior  
Center



Sammy Montgomery, Senior  
Center



Teodoro Tanguma, Sophomore  
Center



Jack Lyons, Sophomore  
Forward

David Hovada, Junior  
Center



Art Cowden, Sophomore  
Center

Fernando Chimely

Sophomore, Guard

Roy Gonzales  
Junior, Forward

Tirso Garza, Sophomore  
Guard



Head basketball coach, Bill Walker presents B team coach, Alex Estrada with the first place trophy.

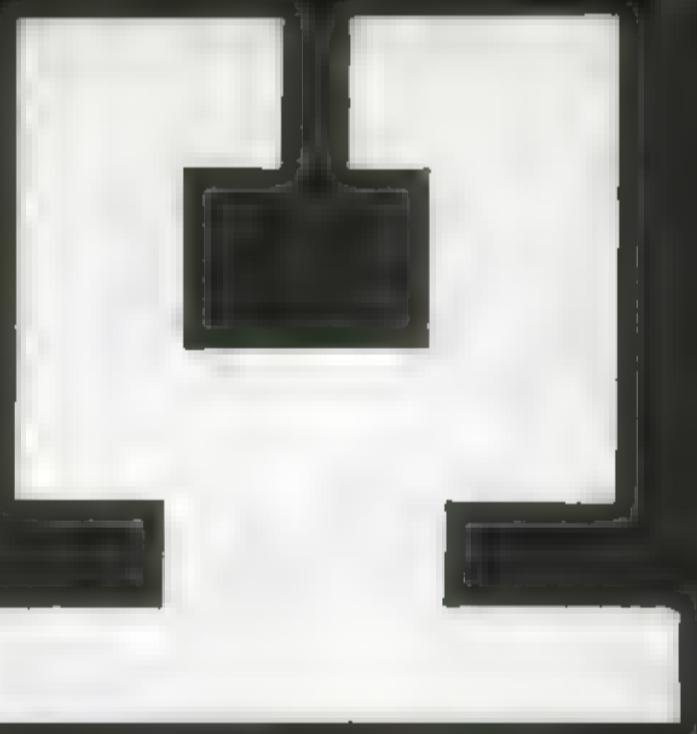


Eddie Torres, Freshman  
Guard



David Hovda concentrates on the free shot.

# FAVORITES





ALL  
SCHOOL  
SWEETHEART

Gloria Silva



MOST  
HANDSOME

Armando Lopez



# MOST BEAUTIFUL

Darrelene Ryan



# MOST POPULAR

Belinda Hernandez



MOST  
POPULAR

Saul Pineda



**BEST  
ALL-AROUND**

Kerr



# BEST ALL-AROUND

Beatrice de Leon



DECA Sweetheart, Enoelia Martinez



Key Heart Bene Cooks

## CLUB SWEETHEARTS



FBLA Sweetheart, Mildred Rios



Football Sweetheart, Belinda Hernandez



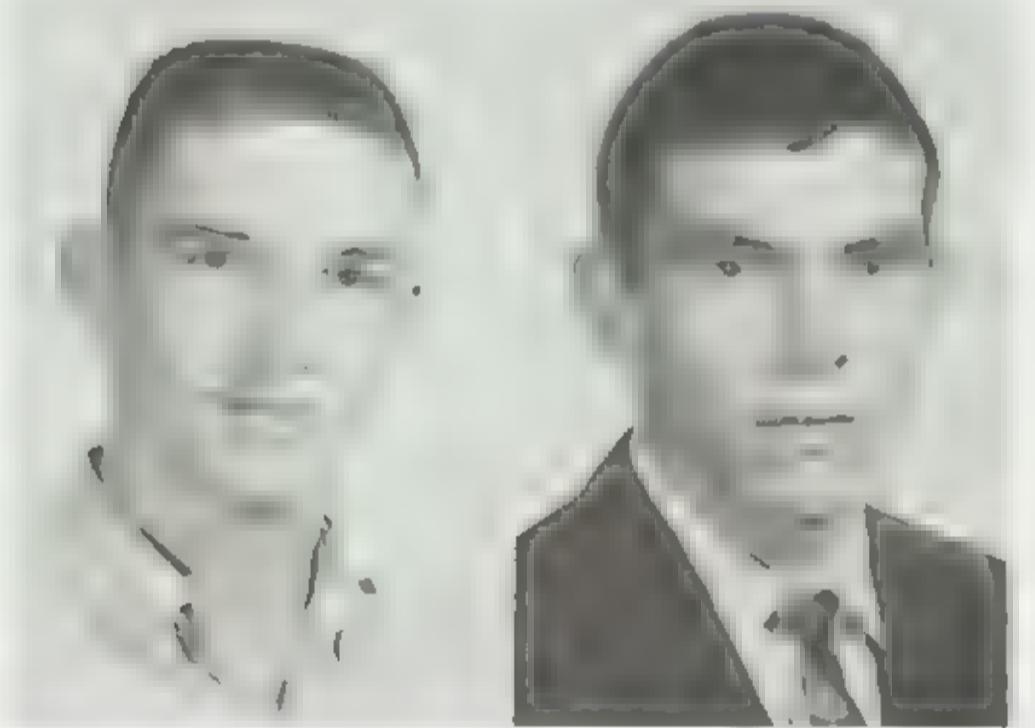
Band Sweetheart, Sherri Schwarz

Y-Teens Sweetheart, Keith Billings



VOE Sweethearts, Marilyn Roach and Arturo Ayala

FHA Sweethearts, Larry Schwarz and Eddie Torres



FFA Sweethearts, Gilsie Knapp and Yolanda Ortiz



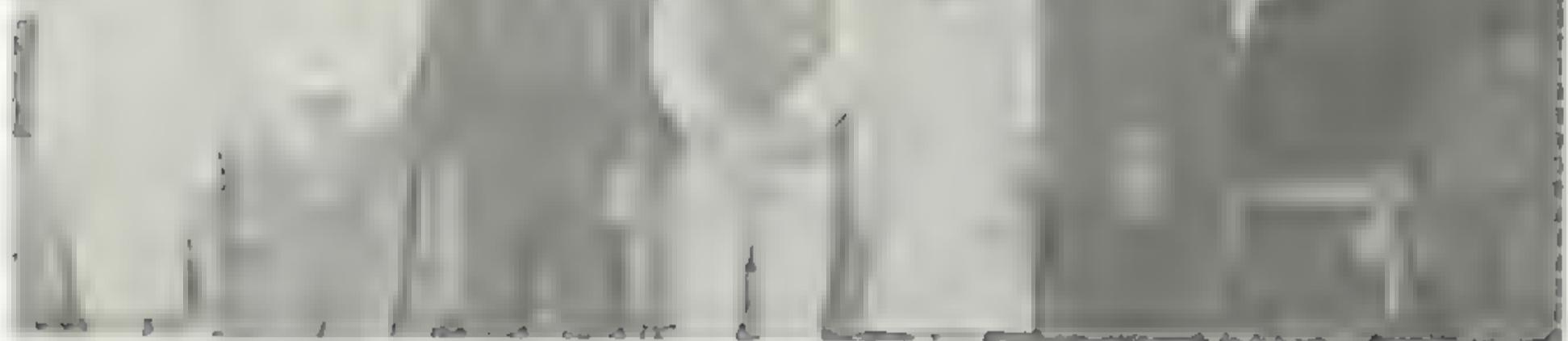
ZES Sweetheart, Homer Garza





Belinda Hernandez was crowned Homecoming Queen at a pre-game ceremony at the Laredo Mix n' Mingle game by Superintendent N. K. Fitzgerald. Belinda is escorted by Jesse Treviño. Her court consisted of Barbara Reger, Bebe Brooks, and Sherm Schwartz.

## HOMECOMING QUEEN 1967-1968



Members, row one Ester Sanchez, Robert D. Garcia, John Pernelton, Larry Schwarz, Sylvia Ann Mondragon, Paul Cotter, Yolanda Ortiz. Row two Mary Elba Basadua, Kandyce Lugg, Veronica Galvan, Bebe Crooks, Barbara Reger, Mary Lou Quiroga, Jaike Serna, Diane Rios, Josie Avila, Beatrice de Leon, Mrs. Carol Cowden. Row three Robert Miller, Arnoldo Flores, Arturo Lopez, Jose Relando Bono, Ray Dalton, Martin Albright, Janice Loverson, Trent Taylor.

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY STRIVES FOR BETTER GRADES



Officers, left to right: Sylvia Ann Mondragon, Student Council Representative; Yolanda Ortiz, Recording Secretary; Ester Sanchez, Treasurer; Robert D. Garcia, President; John Pernelton, Vice-President; Paul Cotter, Reporter; Larry Schwarz, Parliamentarian.

National Honor Society is an honorary organization limited to the upper three grades. The members are elected yearly by the faculty. Four fundamentals are given primary consideration in the selection of candidates: character, scholarship, leadership, and service. To be considered, a student must have a 90 average and have earned a certain number of points under a specific point system set up for each grade level.

Several projects are sponsored by the National Honor Society each year. A "white elephant" sale is sponsored for the Halloween Carnival, induction of new members is held in spring and awards to most valuable senior boy and girl are also presented. Mrs. Carol Cowden is sponsor for NHS.



ZES members, left to right: Josie Avila, Barbara Reger, Ester Sanchez, Beatrice de Leon, Mrs. Jean Lauder, Janice Hoverson, Bebe Crooks, Diane Rios.

## ZES HONORS

ZES is the oldest school organization, being organized in 1929. Membership in this honorary society is open to any sophomore, junior, or senior having an average of 90 or above for one year. Membership is limited to twenty-five.

Club colors are green and white and a white carnation is the club flower. Their motto is "Help Raise the Skyline" and club meetings are held bi-monthly during the noon hour.

ZES has several projects during the year. The most important is the selling of homecoming mums. The girls also work in the American Legion Bee at the stockshow. They chose Homer Garza as their '67-'68 sweetheart.

This Year's sponsor is Mrs. Jean Lauder. This is her first year to teach at Mercedes High School.



ZES officers: Josefina Avila, Treasurer, Ester Sanchez, Student Council Representative, Janice Hoverson, Secretary, Barbara Reger, President, Beatrice de Leon, Vice-President.

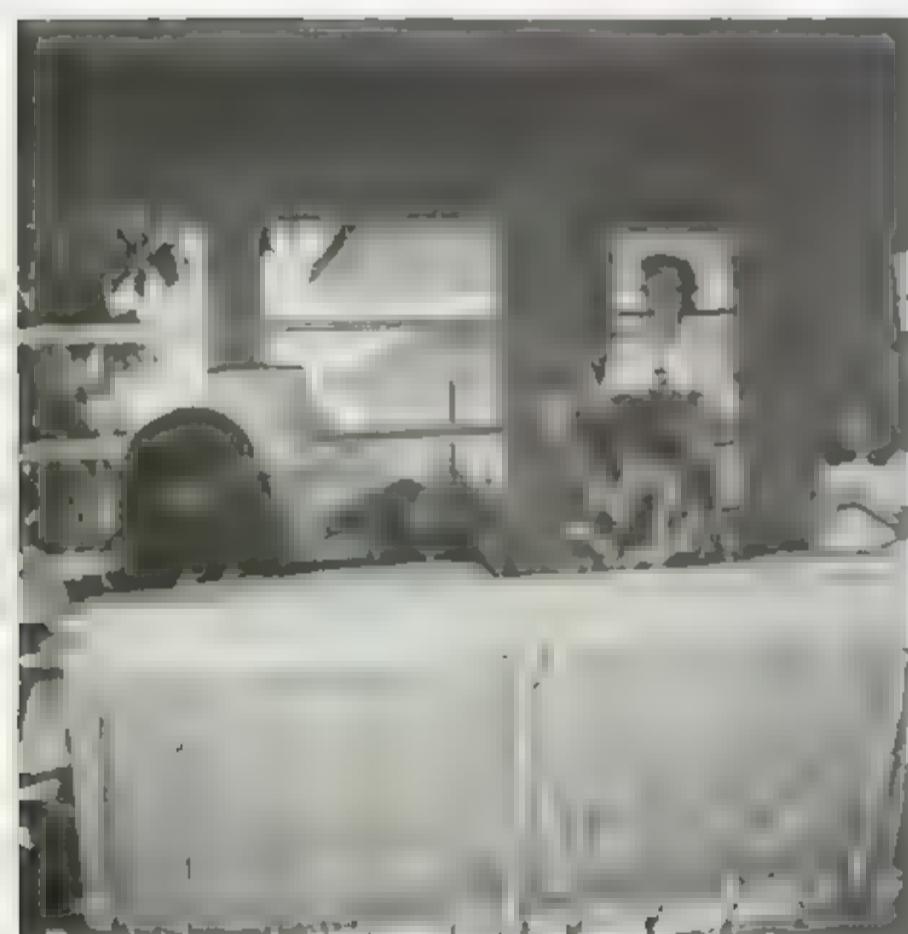


Mrs. Lauder, Ester Sanchez, and Josie Avila enjoy the refreshments at the ZES coke party.



New members, Betti Sisk and Barbara Harris and others, were formally inducted at the annual ZES coke party.

## SCHOLASTIC ABILITY



Mrs. Lauder counts out a picture she took during the coke party as members look on



Barbara Reger and Diane Rios were highest salesmen during the sell of Homecoming mums



Beverly Taylor  
Sophomore  
1 yr. Twirler



Sylvia Ann Mondragon  
Senior  
Head Twirler  
3 yr. Twirler



Sherri Schwarz  
Senior  
Drum Major  
3 yr. Twirler

## TWIRLERS GIVEN SUPERIOR RATING AT CONTEST

Maureen Hager  
Junior  
1 yr. Twirler



Stephanie Dollery  
Sophomore  
2 yr. Twirler





## BAND PROGRESSES THROUGH LEADERSHIP



Mr. Ramon Aguilar III  
Assistant Band Director

Mr. Avie Teltschuk  
Director



All-Valley members are: John Pemelton,  
eighth chair bass and Betti Sisk, thir-  
teenth chair clarinet.



Officers are: Marilyn Basinger, Beverly Taylor, Librarians;  
Janice Hoverson, Reporter; Colma Lentz, Secretary; Lindy  
Lentz, Vice-President; Martin Albright, President; John  
Pemelton, S. C. Representative.



Band Council members are: Janet Fletcher, Martin Al-  
bright, Diane Rios, Sherri Schwarz, Sylvia Ann Mon-  
dragon.

# TIGER BAND



Laura Clegg, Row one: Linda Teat, Karen Diell, Sherry Schwartz, Ann Lauver, Stephenie Doherty, Linda Schwartz, Deborah Kay Jones, Ruth Ann Crenshaw. Row two: Bettie Annsisk, Jaime Losner, Janice Everison, Mary Loya Basilia, Janet Fietterer, Bebe Crooks, Jimmy Downing, Marilyn Disinger. Row three: Sharon Jones, Sylvie Gonzales, Barbara Andersen, Karen Brewer, Brian Brothers, Leslie Moreno, Leti Ferguson, Kenneth Jones, Jesse Howell, Mike Garcia, Dorothy Lusk, Betty Pruitt. Row four: Susan Dillon, Rebecca Diaz, Roberta Disk, Joyce Hoffman, Sue Jimita Gonzales, Elizabeth Flores, Oscar Carza, Richard Hinojosa, Adam Gonzales, Robert Miller, Chen Stewart. Row five: Beverly Taylor, Mary Zavala, Ricky Rivers, Randolph Gonzales, Jaime Carza, Harry Hinojosa, Ernest Hinojosa, Raul Hinojosa, Ralph Cavazos.

## "PRIDE OF MERCEDES"



Band members, Row one: Sandy Marquez, Rose Mary Yvette, S.L., Twila Geyer, Bettie Hendon, Barbara Miller, Carter Perez, Susan Swarner, Diana Martinez. Row two: Rudy Mora, Maureen Fager, Sharon Whitner, Gretchen Hovda, Bonnie Bizar, Paul Cotter, Judy Fiveash, Reetta Harrel, Janice Morris, Scott Sparrow. Row three: Shirley Charles, Joe Ricket, Jack Charles, David Laverne, Vicente Siles, Juan Pablo Callega, Debby Clesner, Terry Key, Diane Ries, Sylvia Ann Mondragon, Eddie Arvin, Shirley Massey, Martin Brewster. Row four: Larry Schwartz, Frank Basadura, Teresa Loverson, Kindyce Lugg, Jeffrey Greenwood, James Massey, Lindy Lentz, George Metzger, Philip Verzog, Gary Albright, Ray Dalton, Richard Drews, Donald King, Albert Closser, Mike Green. Row five: Mark Van Berg, John Pemelton, Martin Albright.

# Y-TEENS HELP OTHERS



Officers: Janet Fletcher, Vice-President; Bebe Crooks, President; Sherri Schwarz, S.C. Representative; Roetta Harrell, Song Leader; Marcella Baker, Service Chairman; Mary Carty, Treasurer; Vicky Wade, Secretary; Patti Swain, Representative; Teresa Hoverson and Nancy Swain, Historian; Diane Rios and Cheryl Riley, Worship Chairman.

Y-teens is a service organization for girls sponsored by the Y.W.C.A.

During the year the club sponsors various activities. Among these are annual roll call week, ushering home football games, a Y-teen Banquet in February and running a marriage booth at the annual Halloween Carnival.

The official Y-teen emblem is a triangle with a globe, signifying world service. The purpose is to develop the spiritual, mental and physical aspects of each member. Membership is open to sophomore, junior, and senior classes.



Mrs. Katherine Churchill is this year's sponsor for Y-Teens.

Members: Beth Ferguson, Bonnie Bozart, Roetta Harrel, Janet Fletcher, Mary Carty, Jessie Avila, Rosalinda Cerna, June Sanchez, Beverly Taylor, Bre LaMeters, Kathy Mitchell, Stephenie Dwyer, Paule Powers, Mrs. Churchill, Row two: Beth Nisk, Sylvia Corrales, Marcella Baker, Marcella Baker, Janice Hoverson, Linda Burnham, Monroe Daniels, Diane Rios, Kandyce Lazz, Obett Rodriguez, Alvia Villanueva, Shirley Messy, Row three: Patti Swain, Gert Perez, Karen Brewer, Babbi Kaye Jones, Bebe Crooks, Shari Jene, Delphene Ryan, Vickie Wade, Ruth Ann Crenshaw, Colma Lentz, Teresa Hoverson, Cheryl Ann Riley, Karen Diehl.





Members: Belle Moreno, Mary Lou Quiroga, Gloria Silva, Rosalinda Carter, Beatrice de Leon, Consuelo Trevino, Maria Anita Guajardo, Josie Avila, Mary Edna Basaldua, Miss Garrett Row two Janet Fletcher, Ofelia Sarazar, Myrtilla Dominguez Janie Serna, Diane Rios, Angie Garcia, Natividad Carter, Row three Sharon Jones, Adan Gonzales, Rey Gutierrez, Sylvia Anna Monrango, Rosi Nelda Solis, Karen Diaz, Ester Sanchez

## FUTURE TEACHERS PROMOTE EDUCATION

Officers: Mary Edna Basaldua, President; Josie Avila, Treasurer; Mary Lou Quiroga, Secretary; Janie Serna, Vice-President; Gloria Silva, S.C. Representative.



Future Teachers of America is an organization limited to the upper three grades. Membership is limited to 24 and members must have a grade average of at least 80. Students in this organization have a desire to be part of the teaching profession. The club helps them to better understand what a teaching career will involve.

A \$100 scholarship is given to a deserving senior F.T.A. member on Awards Day. In order to raise money for this award, the club sold School Records. Other money raising projects were planned for later on in the year. A teacher-of-the-year award is also presented to a faculty member on Awards Day.

This year the club has a new sponsor, Miss Irene Garrett. Miss Garrett has been teaching for 5 years in Mercedes High School. She is presently teaching American History.



VOE members are, Row one: Mrs. McGill, Odilia Valero, Sylvia Palacios, Virginia Marez, Gloria Silva. Row two: Diana Gonzalez, Danny Parker, Martha Charley, Melody Garcia, Cecilia Puentes, Esperanza Quiroz. Row three: Berta Colvin, Olga Franco, Sylvia Hinojosa, Arlene and Cecilia, Linda Reyes, Virginia Cuencero, Vicente Solis. Row four: Betty Jean Martel, Rebeca Guajardo, Natividad Garza, Derrelene Ryan, Marilyn Roach, Arturo Ayala, Enrique Trevino, Mario Garza.

## VOE TRAINS IN

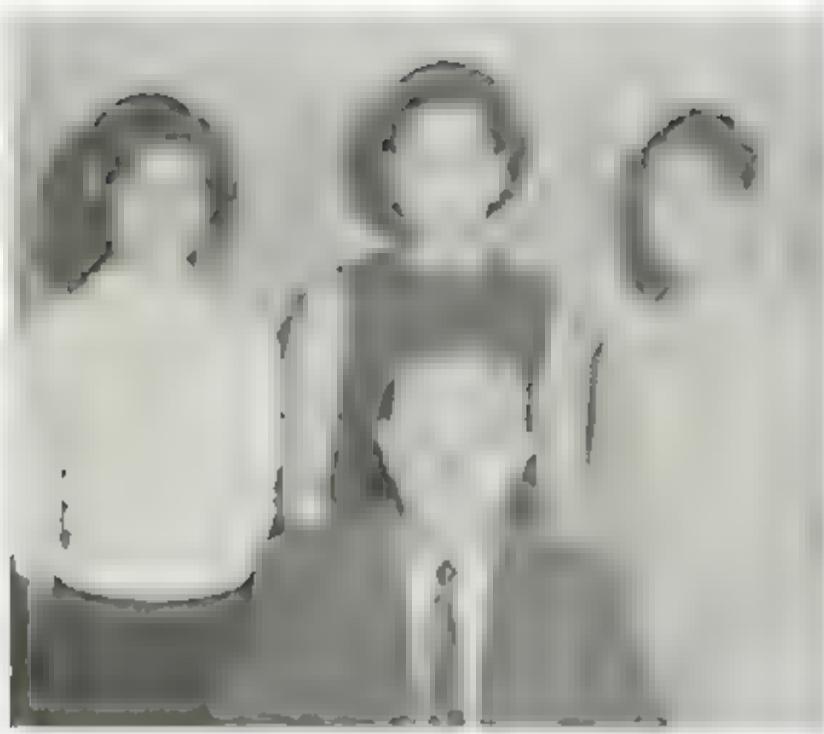
Vocational Office Education is an apprentice type program in which students are given the opportunity to learn office administration. Students participating in this program are provided a job where they work for minimum number of hours a week.

This year VOE held a joint employer's Banquet with DE at Travis Auditorium. Students along with employers were honored at this banquet.

Sweethearts's for '67-'68 are Marilyn Roach and Arturo Ayala. Mrs. Carolyn McGill is sponsor for VOE.



Officers, Row one: Danny Parker, S.C. Representative; Sylvia Palacios, Publicity Secretary; Gloria Silva, Vice-President; Olga Franco, Secretary; Derrelene Ryan, Publicity Secretary; Sylvia Hinojosa, Treasurer; Enrique Trevino, Sgt. at Arms; Arturo Ayala.



Martha Chimely, Betty Jean Martell, and Olga Franco pose with their employer during work.



Virginia Guerrero, Enrique Trevino, and Martha Chimely work diligently during their class.

## FUTURE BUSINESS

Mrs. Carolyn McGill is sponsor for VOE.



Mrs. McGill helps Bertha Galvan with a problem. Mrs. McGill is very interested in her students and tries to help them in every way she can.





Officers are: Mary Edna Basaldua, Parliamentarian; Sylvia Ann Mondragon, Secretary; Diane Rios, Chaplain, Gilsie Knapp, Historian; Armando Lopez, Vice-President; Rolando Bono, Historian; Keith Billings, President.

Student Council is an organization made up of the presidents of all clubs and elected representatives. The Council works to improve school organization, along with cultivating pride in grades and school activities.

This year the Student Council coordinated elections, sponsored victory dances after home football games, and started a project to help landscape the new Mercedes High School building. The Council also sent representatives to the fall convention in Corpus Christi.

This year's sponsor is Mr. Monte Churchill, and his assistant is Mr. J. R. Jones. The Council has proved to be a great asset to MHS.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Members are, Row one: Mary Edna Basaldua, Keith Billings, Sandra Marroquin, Lydia Warren, Diane Rios, Sylvia Ann Mondragon, Barbara Reger, Steven Schwartz, Mary Lou Quiroga, Irma Ortiz, Elizabeth Flores. Row two: Justice Hoverson, Beth Ferguson, Bebe Crooks, Stephanie Doherty, Bettie Sack, Barbara Harris, Ester Sanchez, Josie Avila, Maurice Hever, Virginia Martinez. Row three: Mr. Jones, Gilsie Knapp, Vickie Wade, Veronica Calvert, Ruth Ann Crenshaw, Rosalie de los Santos, Cindy Champion, Jamie Serna, Beatrice de los Santos, Mary Lou Stevens, Gary Schwartz. Row four: Mr. Churchill, Armando Lopez, Paul Cotter, Art Cowden, Rolando Bono, Amelio Flores, John Pemelton, Ernest Garcia, Sharon Jones, Myrthala Dominguez.





Armando Lopez and Vickie Wade help at a concession stand during a basketball game.



Mrs. Jones, assistant sponsor, and Gene Billings listen attentively during a Student Council meeting.

## BUILDS LEADERS



Mr. Monte Churchill is this year's sponsor.



Keith Billings, President, tries to explain a point during one of the Student Council meetings held weekly during the noon hour.



Officers, Row one: **Rosie Garcia**, Historian; **Janie Gomez**, Secretary Treasurer; **Lydia de Hoyos**, Historian; **Mary Helen Cantu**, President; **Cynthia Gonzales**, Vice-President; **Robert Eli-zondo**, Parliamentarian; **Ricky Pumarejo**, Reporter; **Alberto Trevino**, Sgt. at Arms.

## DECA STRIVES FOR EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS

Distributive Education is a special program at MHS. DE's purpose is to train students in the field of business education. Students attend a DE class in the morning and receive on-the-job-training in the afternoon by working in one of the down-town business stores. During their morning classes, students are taught wholesaling, retailing and service-selling along with learning how to act as adults in business.

This year DECA choose Enoelia Martinez as their '67-'68 sweetheart.

Mr. Don Tidwell is sponsor for DECA and his ability has made this program a big success.

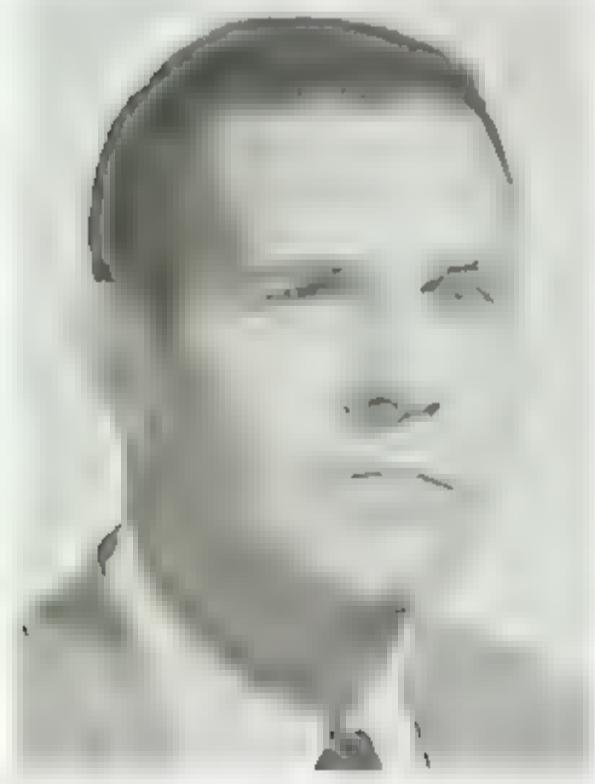
Members, Row one, Rosa Garcia, Maria Reyes, Priscilla Villarreal, Rosie Calvan, Mary Helen Cantu, Mr. Tidwell. Row two, Janie Gajardo, Rose Guajardo, Lydia de Hoyos, Mary Luz Ortiz, Irene Lopez, Javier Ayala. Row three, Louis Benten, Jack Jenkins, Noel Fernandez, Alberto Trevino, Arnando Anelso, Efrain Cabrera, Ricardo Quijartella, Clemente Ramos, Claudio Garcia, Ricky Pumarejo, Elberto Gonzales, Danny Villarreal, Robert Elizondo.





The annual Employer's Banquet was held at Travis Auditorium. The banquet is a joint effort between DECA and VOB. Both employer and employee enjoy themselves at these banquets.

Mr. Don Tidwell is sponsor for DECA.



Cynthia Gonzalez, Vice-President, was Mistress of Ceremonies at the Employer's Banquet.



TIGER Staff, Row one: Bobbie Kaye Jones, Beatrice de Leon, Consuelo Trevino, Janice Hoverson, Editor. Row two: Margret Torres, Terese Hoverson, Angie Garcia, Mrs. Grover. Row three: Saul Pineda, Ernesto Cantu, Jose Roldano Bono, Jaime Aparicio, Pablo Canas

## TIGER STAFF WORKS HARD TO PUBLISH PAPER



TIGER Staff members work hard during their journalism class to meet their publishing deadline.

Mrs. Kathy Lane, who took over at half-semester, helps her students make the TIGER a great newspaper.





La Lengua staff members are, Jessie Avila, Angel Ortega, Joe Rodriguez, Oscar Garcia, Abraham Flores, Mrs. Goza, Rosalinda Garza, Ruben Pena.

Mrs. Goldsby Goza is sponsor for La Lengua.



## LA LENGUA

Once a month, Mrs. Goza's Spanish IV classes publish a newspaper, La LENGUA. It normally consists of about 4 pages and gives coverage of all school activities. The staff positions are not held by any one individual. All students get the opportunity to serve as editor as well as the other capacities. La LENGUA is published entirely in Spanish. This publication enables Spanish students to express themselves and also serves as an excellent motivator.



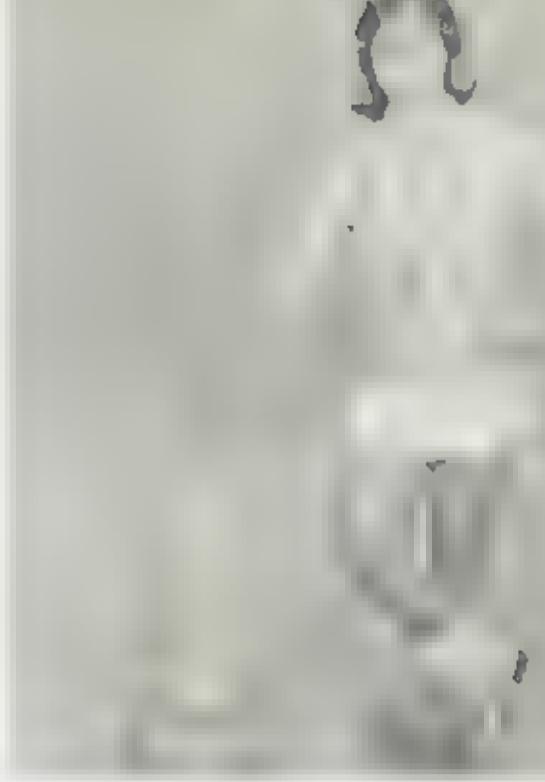
Linda Wisner\*



Irma Ortiz\*



Belinda Hernandez\*



Barbara Reger\*\*



Yolanda Ortiz\*



Cindy Champion\*



Pep-squad members are, Row one: Yvette Rorers, Angie Martinez, Belinda Hernandez, Cindy Champion, Linda Wisner, Barbara Reger, Yolanda Cruz, Lina Chiu, Betty Sue Newton, Pat Lovvold. Row two: Jo-Jo Lopez de la Llente, Isabel Garza, Rosalinda Garza, Rosie Gomez, Mary Lou Verzazze, Gloria Chapa, Cristina Rincon, Diana Worlow. Row three: Nelia Mata, Janie Gonzales, Janie Castillo, Kately Boehler, Rose Mary de la Cerna, Toni Chapa, Esmeralda Gaito, Ester Leradez, Leslie Knapp, Yvonne Rios, Della Trevino. Row four: Lydia Barron, Maricela Gómez, San Juana Ayala, Teresa Siles, Maria Antonio Trevino, Yolanda Flores, Alicia Rincon, Christine Anne Bray, Cheryl Riley, Vicki Wade, Sponsor Mrs. Tidwell.

## PEP-SQUAD STRIVES FOR SPIRIT

Leslie Knapp . . . . .	President
Toni Chapa . . . . .	Vice-President
Barbara Hernandez . . . . .	Secretary
Rosie Gomez . . . . .	Treasurer
Vicki Wade	Student Council Representative

Under the leadership of the cheerleaders the pep-squad strives to create an atmosphere of spirit which will lead the Tigers on to victories. This year the pep-squad did a fine job. They were always there to cheer for our boys whether they won or lost. To become a member of pep-squad you must (1) attend all football games and sit with the pep-squad (2) abide all rules set down by President and sponsor and (3) wear the prescribed uniform.

Pep-squad officers show Tigers that they are behind them all the way.

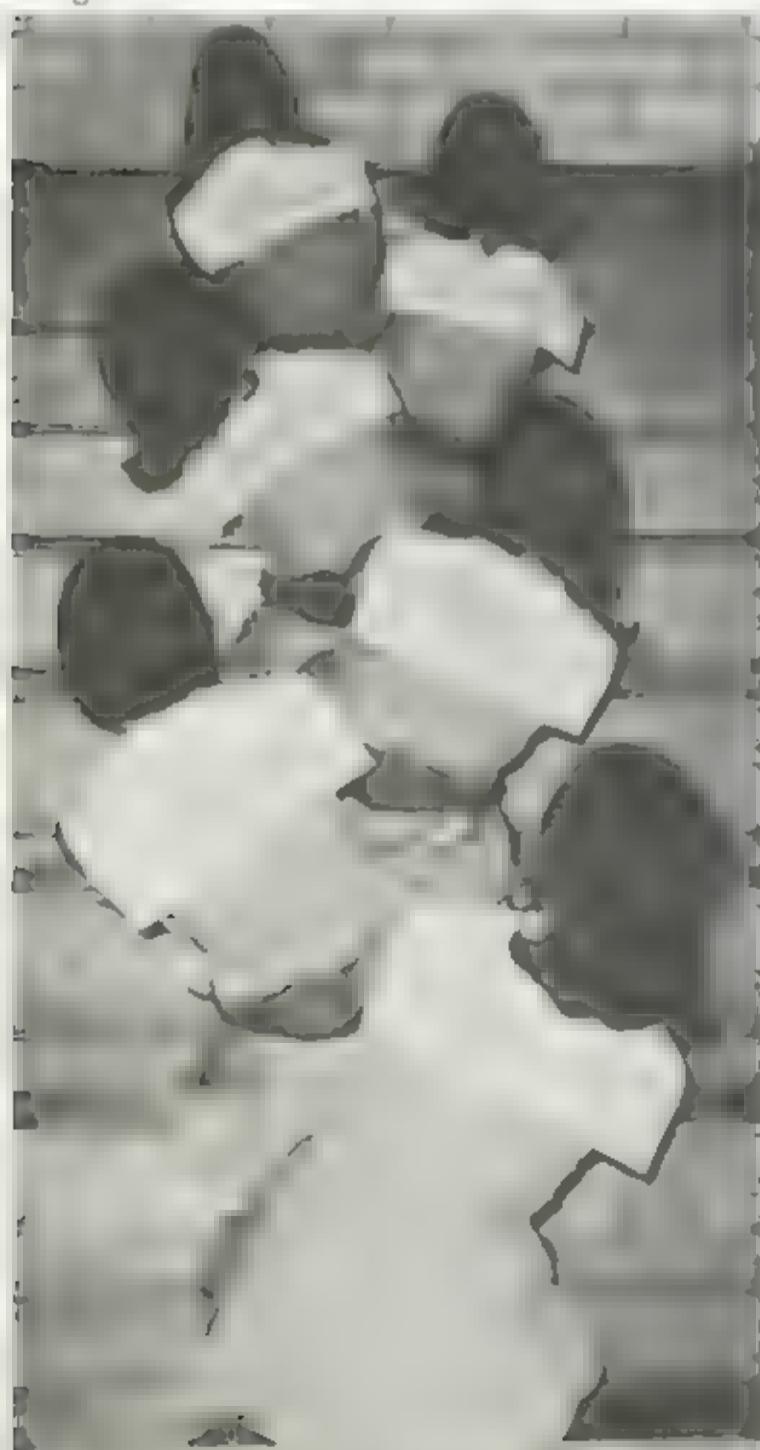


# BOUNCY . . . ENERGETIC . . . SPIRITED



B-Team cheerleaders are standing: Vangie Martinez, Betty Sue Newton, Pat Harvey, and kneeling: Yvette Roemer, Head cheerleader.

TIGER cheerleaders strike a cute pose for Bengal.



Bouncy, Energetic, and Spirited are only a few adjectives used to describe our wonderful cheerleaders. They were always there to cheer our boys on whether they won or lost and to win new friends for themselves, our school, and our community. With Mrs. Tidwell's help, their sponsor, the cheerleaders helped to make this a wonderful year for all of us.

# CHOIR WORKS HARD TO



Row one: Vicki Ayala, Yolanda Ayala, Anna Mata, Letty Garcia, Mary E. Gentry, Ida J. Venegas, Elida Garcia, Maria Elena Rodriguez, Isabel Garza, Elena de la Rosa, Cathy Mitchell. Row two: Erendira Aparicio, Cheryle Anderson, Letty Garcia, Sylvia Palacios, Justa Cano, Jamie mez, Betty de la Cerdia, Ofelia Salazar, Odilia Vasques, Mary Ester Garcia. Row three: Lydia de Hoyos, Rebeca Rodman, Diana Cortez, Margie Torres, Irma Martinez, Letty Cortez, Adelaida Mata, Maribel Capuris, Blanca Villarreal, Becky Rodriguez, Rosie Cardenas, and Jardino. Row four: Johnny Martinez, Jesus Jose Aguilar, Rafael Mendoza Jr., Ricardo Diaz, Johnny Guerrero, Mike Gandy, Estelle Feltz, Ramon Robert Mata, Vicki Salinas, Arnold Estrada Jr., Albert Ariza, Rebecca Cuadra Jr.

President . . . . .	Diana Cortez
Vice-President . . . . .	Lydia de Hoyos
Secretary . . . . .	Letty Garcia
Treasurer . . . . .	Irma Martinez
Reporter . . . . .	Becky Rodriguez
SC Representative . . . . .	Ofelia Salazar

## PRESENT CONCERT AND ADD LIFT TO STUDENT LIFE

The Mercedes High School Choir is composed of freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior members. These students work hard all year and present concerts to the student body at various occasions. This year a new added attraction was the girls choir composed of junior and senior girls. There was also a boys choir composed of junior and senior boys. The Choir is under the direction of Mr. J. Penn.



# KEY CLUB ENCOURAGES LEADERSHIP

The Key Club is an international organization composed of boys in the upper three grades of high school. Each year the members vote on and select boys with leadership abilities and high scholastic standing to enter the club. They also elect four duchesses representing the four classes. From these the Key Heart is elected. This year the duchesses are Ann Lauder, freshmen class, Irma Ortiz, sophomore class, Teresa Hoverson, junior class, and Bebe Crooks, Key Heart.

President . . . . .	Ray Dillon
Vice-President . . . . .	J. R. Bono
Secretary . . . . .	Ted Hollon
Treasurer . . . . .	Sammy Montgomery
Sergeant at Arms . . . . .	Saul Pineda
Sponsor . . . . .	Mr. Don Tidwell



Row one Robert D. Garcia, Hector Araya, Teo Cello, Martin Stewart, key Gutierrez, Saul Pineda, Darby Parker. Row two Armando Lopez, Ramon Gonzales, Sammy Montgomery, Arnold Flores, Vicent Lopez, Art Coween, Kenati. Jones, Scott Sparrow. Row three J. R. Bono, Ray Dillon, Martin Angst, Shirley Lentz, Jack Lyons, John Pemelton, David Hovada.



# 12TH ANNUAL "M" TOURNEY



"M" Association officers worked hard to make the 12th annual "M" Association Tournament a success.

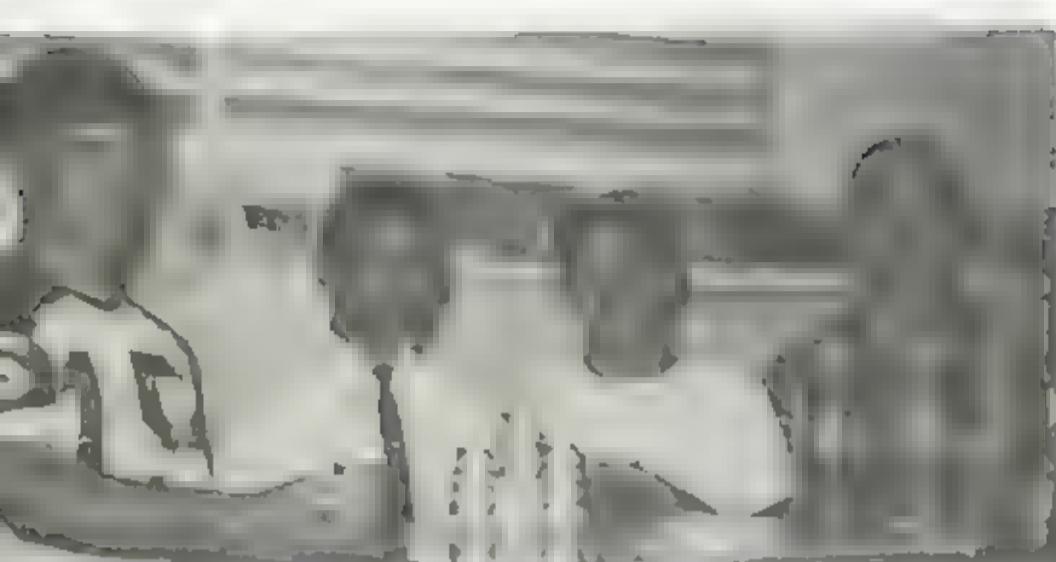
President . . . . . Raul Galvan  
Vice-President . . . . . Saul Pineda  
Secretary . . . . . Roy Rodriguez  
Treasurer . . . . . Sammy Montgomery  
Editor of Yearbook . . . . . Rolando Bono

"M" Association is strictly a letterman's club and each letterman must be initiated and voted into the club. Each year the club sponsors the "M" Association basketball tournament in our gym. Trophies are awarded to the three top teams. This year the Mercedes "B" Team won 1st place at the Tournament.



Row one - George Metzger, Gary Schwartz, Adelio Valdez, Al Pineda, Esteban Vindua. Row two - Raul Galvan, Harry Schwartz, Sammy Montgomery, Lincoln Lenz, Farano Key, Ray Tandy. Row three - Bobby Martinez, Arnold Flores, David Hovda, Rolando Bono, Jack Lyons, Art Cowden, Tati Tanguma.

# IS A SUCCESS



Sammy Montgomery, Saul Pineda, Adolfo Garza, and Larry Schwarz sell cokes at "M" Tourney.



Raul Galvan sells some popcorn at the tournament.



Rodrigo Boen presents the consolation trophy to Mercedes Jr. High team captains and their coach.



Coach Hatley talks to boys at an "M" Association meeting while Raul Galvan, president, listens attentively.

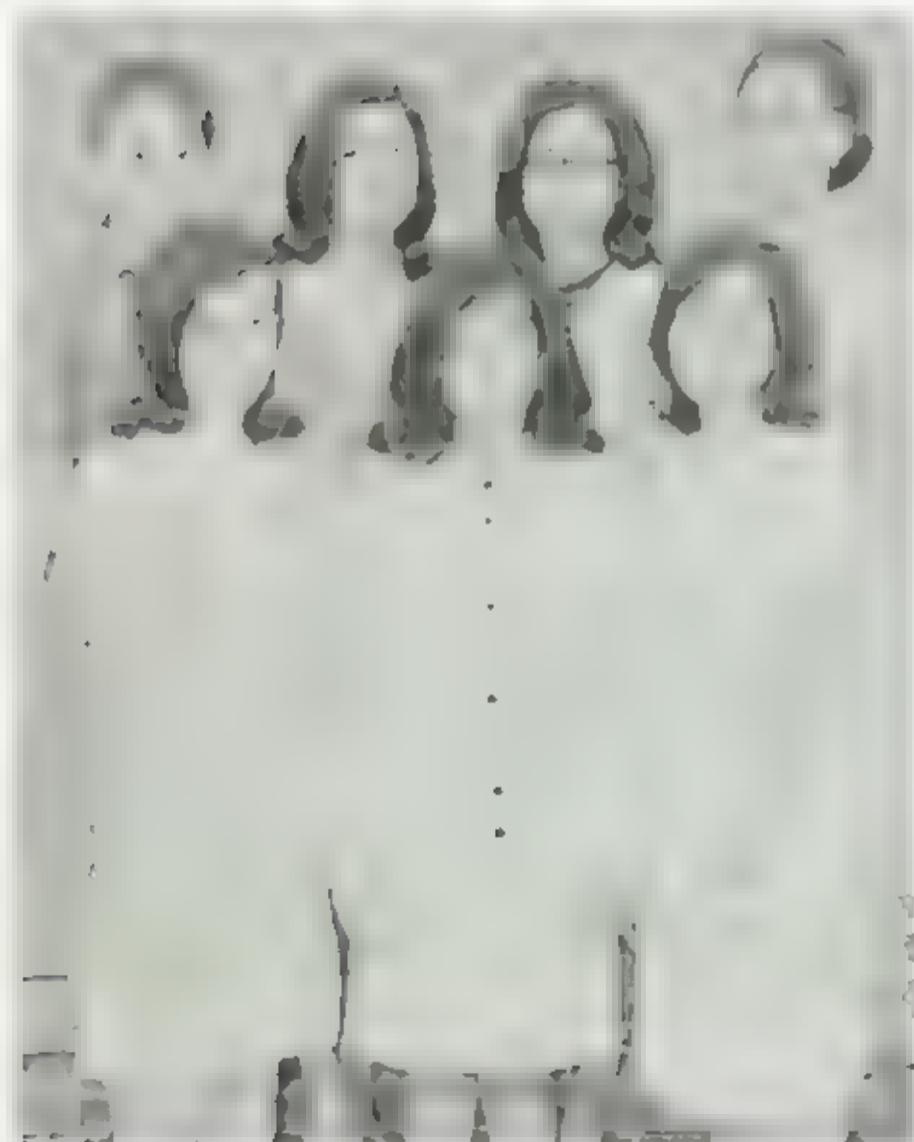


Adolfo Garza sets a tournament ticket to Jesse Lervino at the 12th annual "M" Tourney.



Front Row: Mary Lou Quiroga, Diana Gonzales, Mr. Petross. Row two: Lydia de Hoyos, Diana Cortez, Mildred Rios, Lydia Lopez, Vickie Mireles, Vickie Lopez, Mary Ann Mondragon, Betty Jean Martell, Diana Serna. Row three: Margie Flores, Olga Franco, Berta Galvan, Betty Jean Martell, Sylvia Ann Mondragon, Janie Serna, Emma Flores, Sylvia Garces.

## FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS SEEK CAREERS IN BUSINESS WORLD



President . . . . .	Mary Lou Quiroga
Vice-President . . . . .	Olga Franco
Secretary-Treasurer . . . . .	Mildred Rios
SC Representative . . . . .	Janie Serna
Reporter . . . . .	Diana Gonzales
Historian . . . . .	Lydia de Hoyos
Parliamentarian . . . . .	Diana Cortez
Sponsor . . . . .	Mr. Petross

The Future Business Leaders of America Club is open to juniors and seniors interested in making a career in the business world. They usually have business leaders from the city speak at the meetings. They show films and have discussions in line with the highest professional interests of business education. This year the club elected its first sweetheart, Mildred Rios.



Row one Mike Green, Barbara Rezer, Brenda Brothers, Sandra Marroquin, Yvette Rojeros, Yonge Martinez, Socorro P. Iono, Aida Martinez, Elizabeth Seto, Nilda Carza, Maria Elena Longoria, Katy Mitchell. Row two Mr. Taylor, San Juanita Gonzalez, Mary Garcia, Maureen Hager, Bonnie Lazzar, Beth Leinden, Linda Barnum, Cindy Champion, Lydia Barron, Letty Garcia, Mari Lozano, Juana Sanchez, Carmen Ariza, Jane Perez. Row three Mary Carty, Beta Ferguson, Karen Diehl, Christie Knapp, Vicki Wade, Debbie Kay Jones, Colma Lentz, Teresa Hoverson, Mary Allen Cantu, Diana Cortez, Irma Martinez, Sylvia Mondragon, Raul Galvan, Trent Taylor.

## THESPIANS COMPETE IN UIL

Mr. David Taylor is Thespians sponsor this year.



President . . . . .	Maureen Hager
Vice-President . . . . .	Bobbi K. Jones
Secretary . . . . .	Teresa Hoverson
Treasurer . . . . .	Linda Barnum
Parliamentarian . . . . .	Vicki Wade
S.C. Representative . . . . .	Beth Ferguson

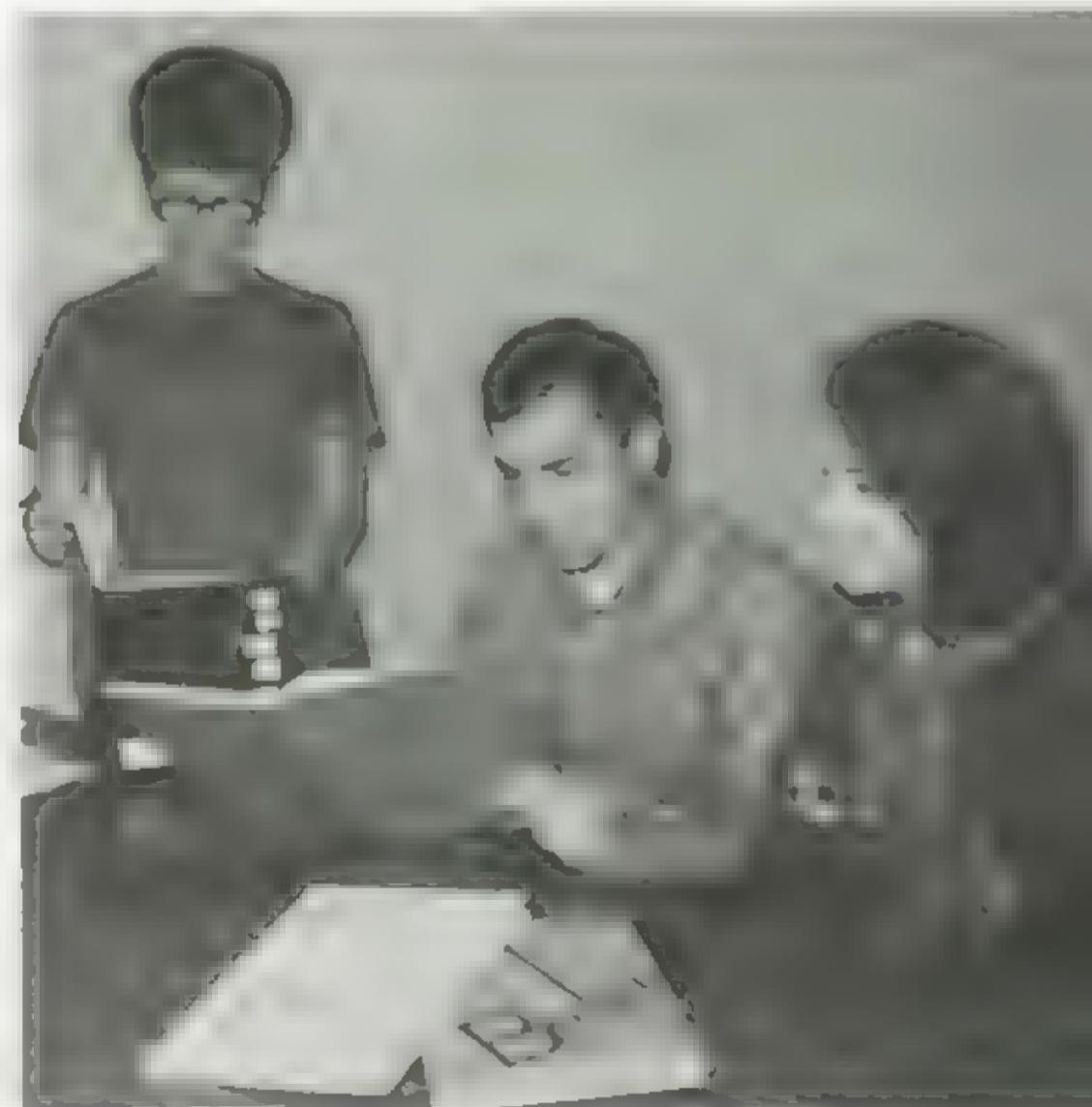
The Thespians are affiliated with the National Thespians. The club is open to freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior students. Every year the Thespians participate in the One-Act Play. This year the Thespian sponsor is Mr. David Taylor.



BINN STAFF members are, sitting: Mary Edna Basaldúa, Diane Rios, Rey Gutierrez, Sylvia Ann Menorapón. Standing: Marice Rios, Mary Lea Quintana, Ester Sanchez, Sandra Chapman, Janie Serna, Lettie Garcia, Idaela Quintanilla.

Pictured below are seated: Editor Diane Rios, Business Manager, Rey Gutierrez. Standing: Assistant Editor, Mary Edna Basaldúa.

EDITOR  
Diane Rios  
BUSINESS MANAGER  
Rey Gutierrez  
ASSISTANT EDITOR  
Mary Edna Basaldúa  
PHOTOGRAPHER  
Scott Sparrow



# BENGAL STAFF 1968



Mr. Mymern helps staff members meet the deadline in order to get a spring annual.



BENGAL Staff members like to experiment with new picture techniques.



Mr. James Mymern - Sponsor



TIGER TALK . . .

# FFA BOYS PARTICIPATE



Row one: Billy Joe Irvin, Noe Fernandez, Catrino de Leon, Julian Wade, Yolanda Ortiz, Saul Pineda, Mario Rodriguez, Rolando Marroquin Row two: Roderico Rodriguez, Jose Luis Cárdenas, Mike Guerrero, Julian Terry, Louis Belton, Fernando Dominguez, Mike Marroquin, Rey Rodriguez, Enrique Enriques Row three: Isidro Robles, Elias Hernandez, Johnny Flores, Luis Garcia, Mike Chacon, Rudy Rivera, David Mitchell, Row four: Arturo Rodriguez, Alonso Avilho, Johnny Canta, Ruben Pena, Wally Prado, Pete Chacon, Benito Cetza, Daniel Franco

David Elizondo is shown working on the Grinder in the Ag. Shop.

Billy Joe Irvin placed 1st in the Senior Blocking at the Donna Lamb and Sheep Exposition.



# IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

President . . . . .	Saul Pineda
Vice-President . . . . .	Jimmy Wade
Secretary . . . . .	Mario Rodriguez
Treasurer . . . . .	Catarino de Leon
Reporter . . . . .	Rolando Marroquin
Sentinel . . . . .	Noel Fernandez
Chaplain . . . . .	Billy Joe Irvin
Sponsor . . . . .	Lauro Saldana
Sponsor . . . . .	James Dollery

Future Farmers of America is a national organization open to boys taking vocational agriculture. This organization has participated in local, district, area and state activities. FFA activities include participating in district and area leadership contests; district, area and state judging contests; district and area banquets; participating at Donna Lamb Show, entering cattle, hogs and chickens in the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show; and putting on their annual Horse Show.

Sweethearts this year are Yolanda Ortiz, Blue Jean Queen finalist, and Gilsie Knapp, Cover Girl Contestant.



F.F.A. OFFICERS

## F.F.A. UNDERCLASSEMEN



# PROJECTION '72

The aim of Projection '72 is to get the 12th Senior's predictions as to what they will be doing in 1972. The answers varied widely from never raising a family to year old Mercedes. They all seem to want a new gym, cafeteria, and various other additions for our new school. Most of the 12th Senior will either be married by 1972 or will be finishing their college education. The majority of them thought that the world will be in the same situation as it is today. Well, whatever the world situation will be in 1972, the graduating Class of '72 will strive to make this world a better place to live.

The four questions which they were asked are:

1. Where do you think you will be in 1972?
2. Do you think you will be married by 1972?
3. In what situation do you think the world will be in 1972?
4. What changes would you like to see in Mercedes High School by 1972?

## Keith Billings

By 1972 I'll be taking my laboratory training in a certified ASCP hospital. I don't think that I will be married by 1972. The world will be in the same type of situation as it is now. I'd like to see more school spirit in Mercedes High School.



## Rolando Bono

In 1972 I'll be in college. No, I will not be married by 1972. The world situation in 1972 will be the same as it is now - a mess! I hope by 1972 all the teams will be in top form with football, basketball, and track teams winning at least district.



## Martha Chimely

In 1972 I'll be in a larger city in Texas or in another state. Yes, I'll be married by 1972. In 1972 we will either have complete peace or we'll be in World War III. I'd like to see more rooms, more landscapes, and more understanding teachers.



## Diana Cottez

Well, four years from now I'll be surfing away in La Jolla, California. Maybe I'll be married. It all depends on how things go in the future. The world will be in the same situation - war! MHS will change by 1972 because of changing times.



## Bebe Crooks

Probably by 1972 I will be married, but I have no idea where I will be. By 1972 there will not be any middle class only the rich, upper class and the lower, poorer class. I hope the lower classmen will have the opportunity to participate in more school activities.



## Ray Dillon

I'll be in college by 1972, but I won't be married by that time. The world situation in 1972 will depend on who wins the presidential elections this year. I like Mercedes High School as it is and would not like any changes.

## Eddy H. Dominguez

I hope to have completed college by 1972, but if I don't make it the first year it will be Viet Nam for me. Before I think of marriage, I'm going to have lots of fun. The world will be in a bad situation by that time. I'd like to see more young women teachers in MHS.

## Richard Drawe

I'll be in my junior year of veterinary medicine at A & M University. I hope I won't be married four years from now, but you never know. If there is a world, we'll be in the same situation. I'd like to see less restrictions on students by the faculty.

## Janette Fletcher

I hope I'll be married and tending to a bunch of kids by 1972. I don't know about the world situation, but I hope it is better than it is now! I only wish that students can take or drop any subject they want as long as they meet graduation requirements.

## Abraham Flores

I hope I'm not in Heaven (??) at that time! Marriage is for the birds (tweet)! Basically, the same wars will lessen the world progressive power and automation will be in greater use. MHS should have among other things a swimming pool and billiards instead of a study hall.



Olga Franco

I won't be in Mercedes! But maybe I'll be married by then. The way things are going right now, it probably won't be in a very good situation four years from now. I hope those kids have more assemblies than we had.



Mario Garza

I'll probably be living here in Mercedes or else I'll be serving in Viet Nam. No, I won't be married by 1972. The war in Viet Nam will be still on. We'll also have the same President. The school is fine the way it is today. No changes should be made.



Jesse Garces

I'll be stationed in West Germany in the Air Force. Maybe I'll be married by then. The world situation will be the same as far as peace is concerned, but I think transportation, communications, etc., will be greatly developed. I would like more decent road exits.



Natividad Garza

In May of 1972 I shall be graduating from Pan Am. In September of 1972 I shall start my career as a history teacher here in MHS. No, I won't be married. The world will be much the same. I want places for the MHS students to sit on at lunch time.



Angelita Garcia

I'll probably be here in Mercedes working in one of the hospitals in our neighboring towns. No, I won't be married. That's only four years from now - too soon. The changes I would like to see in MHS are new floors in the mall area, a gym, and prettier landscapes.



Susano Garza

I will probably be in college or in the service. I don't think that I'll be married by 1972. The world situation will be the same or worse. I would like to see more administrative control over students that need more disciplinary control.



Elida Garcia

I'll be some place in the Valley. No, I won't be married four years from now. The world situation will be the same as it is now or even worse. As to the changes in MHS, I would like for the Tigers to be the best football team.



Lydia Gomez

I don't know where I'll be in 1972. I don't think I'll be married by then. I hope that by 1972 there will be peace in the world. I would like more parking space and lots of flowers around the school.



Leticia Garcia

Probably I'll be flying all over the world for some airline or trying to get my degree. Before I settle down for good, I want to have lots of fun, so I won't be married by then. I hope the Viet Nam war will be over. I would like to see students and teachers dating.



Adan Gonzalez

Hopefully, I'll be in Mercedes in 1972. No, I won't be married by 1972. I myself would like to know what the world situation will be in 1972. I'd like to see doors in the rooms, a new band hall, and a cafeteria, a snack bar and more plants outside.



Mary Ester Garcia

Yes, I'll probably be in my first or second year of marriage and finishing my last year of college. The world's condition four years from now will be the same or worse. I would like to see more wings added as for choir and art and maybe a snack bar.



Anna Gonzalez

I'll be in Mercedes leading a peaceful life as usual. There might be a chance that I'll be married by 1972. I believe the world will be more advanced in medicine and science. I hope MHS will be enlarged so the area will not be over crowded.



Homer Garza

In 1972 I will probably be here in Mercedes. Yes, I think I'll be married by then. By that time the Viet Nam war will be over and there will be peace for a short while. I would like to see some new Senior sponsors.



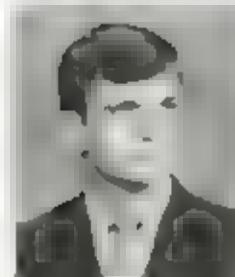
Cynthia Gonzalez

I'll be in college finishing my major in government. I hope I'll be married by 1972. If by that time Nixon is President, my opinion of the world is, . . . "rotten." I would like some fire extinguishers in the chemistry lab and a new auditorium.



Ramon Gonzalez

Possibly I'll be teaching by 1972. If I am successful in college and reach my goal, I'll probably be married. Hopefully, I think that by that time we will be much closer to the moon. I would like to see a larger parking lot and a new cafeteria.



Ted Hollon

If I am still alive and the earth is still intact, I'll probably be in the Merchant Marines. I don't know whether I'll be married or not. I don't even know whether there will be a world in 1972! I hope the teachers' attitudes toward dress will change.



Maria Anita Guajardo

By 1972 I'll either be in college or in the air force. I will definitely not be married! The world will be in greater danger of World War III. I hope that MHS will have a better football team and a larger pep squad.



Janice Hoverson

I'll be finishing college. No, I won't be married by then. The world situation will be the same. A new gym and cafeteria are the changes I want in this school.



Virginia Guerrero

In 1972 I'll be making the best out of life. Sure I'll be married by then. The world situation will be mixed as always and more complicated. The faculty should be more understanding toward the students. There should be more student power.



Sharon Jones

I believe I'll be at Texas A&I University getting my veterinarian degree. No, I won't be married by 1972. We'll probably be in a world war or close to it. I hope there will be a better teaching program set up.



Rey Gutierrez

I hope by 1972 I'll be on earth. Maybe I will be married. What world! I hope MHS will have a winning football, basketball, and track team. There should be student control over the school faculty and activities.



Lindley Lentz

I hope to be at Baylor University. Yes, I hope I'll be married by then. The world situation will either be peaceful, warring, or the same as today. I'd like to see "PAID IN FULL" stamped all over the grounds and buildings.



Roetta Harold

I'll be living with my husband and taking care of our baby. Yes, definitely I'll be married. There are possibilities of a war, but I hope nothing becomes of it. I would like to see Mrs. Barton still as MHS counselor because she is very good.



Beatrice de Leon

I'll be in my Senior year at Pan Am, or a college up State. If I do get married in 1972, it will be after I get my degree. The tension will be greater by 1972, but I think there will be peace. I'd like to see a new gym and cafeteria here at the new school.



Juanita Hernandez

In 1972 I'll be here in Mercedes. I think that I will be married by that time. The world will probably be in the same situation. MHS is okay as it is, but I hope the girls' dresses will not become any shorter and boys hair will be neat.



Catarino de Leon

I'll be in college in 1972. Maybe, I'll be married. There will still be a war by 1972. I'd like to see more classrooms and teachers in MHS in 1972.



Sylvia Hinojosa

I'll be an instructor at Magic Valley Beauty College in San Juan. Maybe I will be married and maybe not. There won't be any fighting here on earth, but there will be in outer space. I would like to see MHS completed and the streets widened.



Armando Lopez

I won't be in Mercedes! I'll be happily married by 1972. The world situation will definitely be worse than now. The changes I'd like to see in MHS is more beautiful girls and teachers.



**Enoelia Martinez**

In 1972 I'll be more than likely still be living here in the Valley. Yes, I'll definitely be married because if I'm not I might as well forget it. The world situation will be the same. I'd like to see a new stadium beside the school.



**Ruben Pena**

I'll probably be in the U. S. Navy. Yes, I will be married by 1972. I hope there are less riots, and that the younger generation will have a say-so in the government. I hope the cafeteria, gym, and auditorium will be attached to the school.



**Shirley Massey**

I don't know where I'll be, but it won't be here! No, I won't be married. The world will be in pretty bad shape. I'd like to see the school completed, more good teachers, and equipment.



**Saul Pineda**

I'll be in the army on the moon. No, I will not be married! The world situation will be the same or worse. I'd like to see a sport program for girls.



**Sylvia Ann Mondragon**

I'll be in Houston working for a large company as a commercial artist. No, I won't be married. I hope that by 1972, the Viet Nam war will be over. MHS needs more school spirit and exam exemptions for the honor students.



**Fidelia Quintanilla**

I think I'll be somewhere. I absolutely, positively will not be married!! There will be a population explosion on the moon. I'd like to see Mr. Churchill's room less air-conditioned.



**Sammy Montgomery**

I think I'll be in my senior year at A & L. No, I will not be married. The world situation will be the same as it is today. I would not like to see any changes in MHS.



**Romeo Quintanilla**

I'll be in Pan Am by 1972. I'll probably be divorced. The world will have collapsed by 1972. The change I'd like to see in MHS is not teachers.



**Yolanda Ortiz**

I'll be in college sweating it out till I get my degree. No, I'd like to live a little before getting married. I'd like to see more departments built, more lockers, and full length mirrors in the rest-rooms.



**Mary Lou Quiroga**

I'll be a registered nurse in Austin, I hope. Yes, I'll be married by then. The world situation will be a complete disaster. I'd like to see more students participate in school activities.



**Sylvia Palacios**

I'll be in Houston because that is where Kune and I plan to live. Yes, you'd better believe that I'll be married. The teen-agets are going to be worse than us, and that is going to be pretty bad! To tell you the truth, MHS doesn't need any changes.



**Barbara Reger**

I'll still be in Texas, though not in the Valley. My gosh, I hope I'll be married! The war will be over in Viet Nam. I'd like to see more school spirit and better representation of the school.



**Daniel Parker**

I'll be in college and possibly married. The world situation will be lousy. MHS does not need any changes.



**Florinda Reyes**

I'll be working as a secretary. I'm not sure if I'll be married, maybe I will. The problems of war, starvation, and diseases will still be on. I'd like MHS to have ten minute breaks between periods instead of 5.



Diane Rios

I'll be close to the end of some training in the medical field. Maybe I'll be married if the right guy comes along. By 1972 someone will have probably reached the moon. I'd like to see more school spirit.



Sherri Schwartz

I hope I'll be graduated from Baylor and going into speech therapy. I hope I'll be married if the right man comes along. I think we'll always have some type of war. I hope there will be school projects and functions for more spirit and unity in MHS.



Marilyn Roach

I'll be in college and maybe married. The world situation will be about the same. The only change in MHS I'd like to see is test exemptions.



Janie Serna

I'll be either graduating from college or a nurse in the army. I doubt it seriously if I'll be married by then! The world situation will be the same as it is right now. I'd like to see more school spirit and participation of students in school activities.



Arturo Rodriguez

I'll be working some place up north. Yes, I feel I'll be married by 1972. The world situation will be the same. I hope that teachers will let students argue a point they think is right instead of quieting him.



Gloria Silva

In 1972 I'll probably be in Washington D.C. in the White House. I'm hoping, wishing, and praying that I'll be married by 1972! The wars will not end until someone is the good guy and stops the bombings. I'd like to see a snack bar in MHS.



Mario Rodriguez

I'll be in college, but I won't be married. The world situation will be critical. I like MHS as it is.



Clemente Solis Jr.

By 1972 I'll be in Chicago. I could be married by then, but I doubt it. The world situation will not be much different than it is now. I'd like to see more student governing of school affairs.



Maria Elena Rodriguez

I'll be in Mercedes but working in another town in a beauty shop. Yes, I'll probably be married by then. I'd like to see prettier landscape and a new cafeteria at MHS.



Rosa Nelda Solis

I'll be in my last year of college and planning my future as a teacher. Yes, I hope I'll be married. I hope the world will be better than it is now. I'd like to see taller freshmen in MHS!



Rodolfo Rodriguez

I will be here in Mercedes. Yes, I hope I'll be married. If I do get married, the world will be in a good situation. I like MHS as it is.



Patti Sue Swain

I will be in Texas. Yes, I'll absolutely be married. The world will be a complete uproar or mixed-up with all the wars going on. I'd like to see a soda fountain or a snack bar.



Derrelene Ryan

I'll be somewhere in Texas. Yes, I will be married. The world situation will be a complete catastrophe. I'd like to see students have more "say-so" in school policies.



Nelda Villarreal

I hope to be in a big town either working or studying. Yes, I'll be married! I don't have any comment on the world situation of 1972. MHS should have the parking lots fixed.

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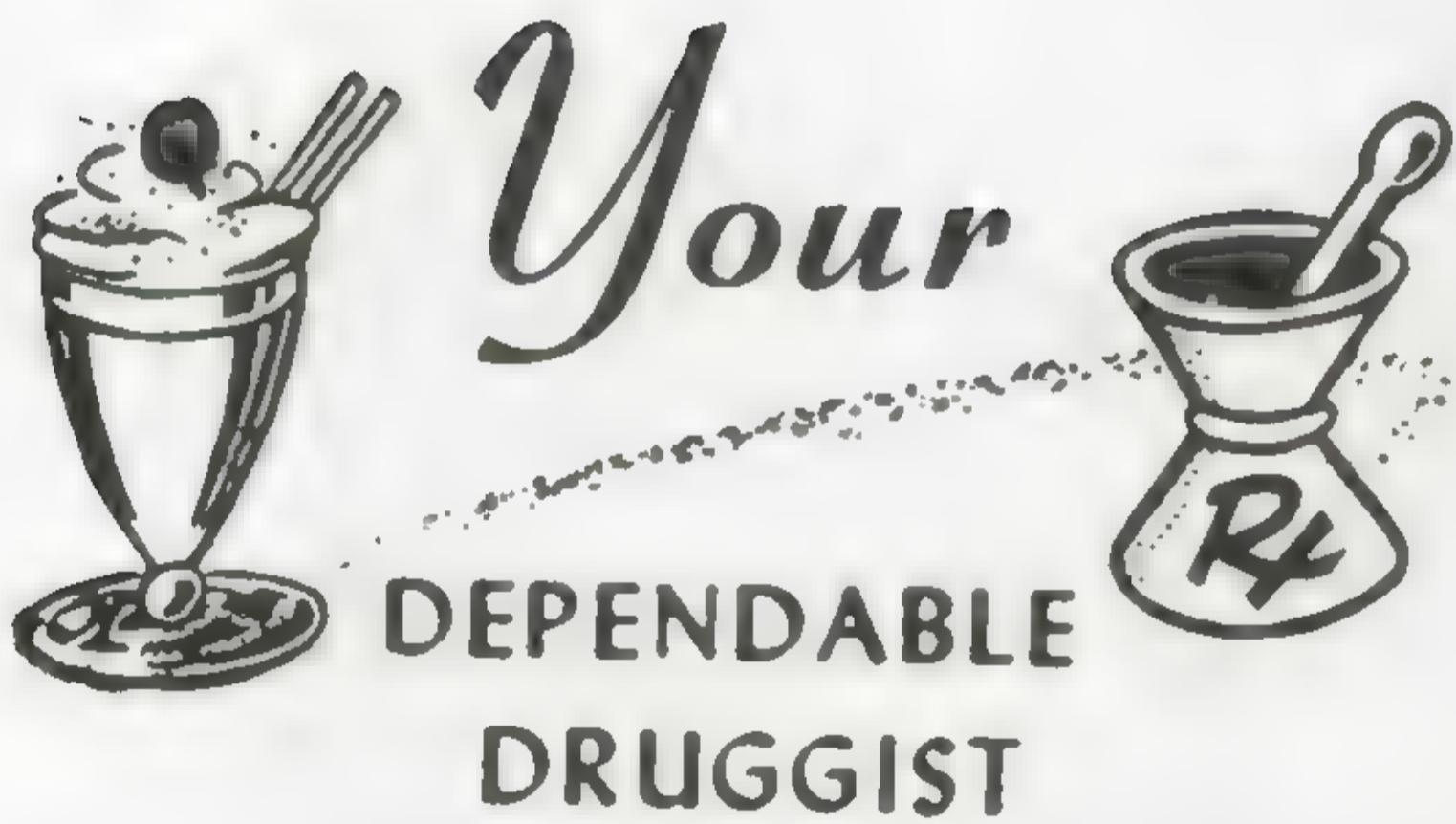




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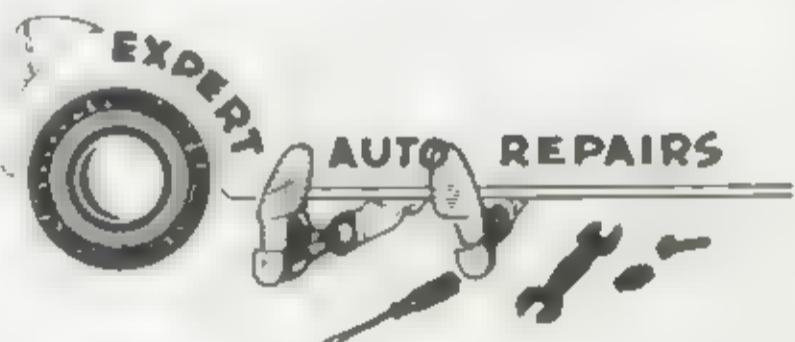
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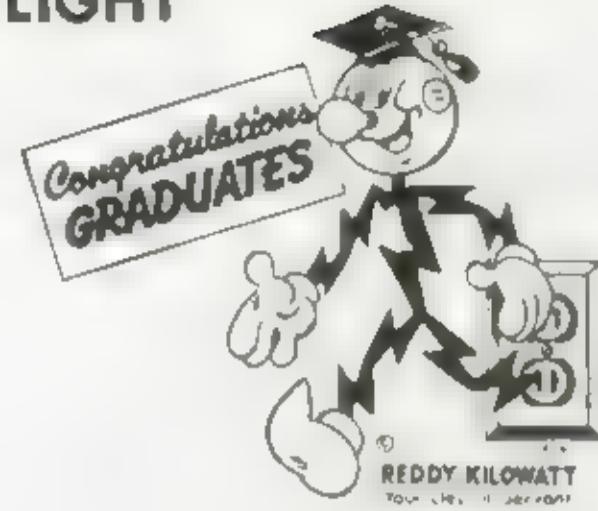
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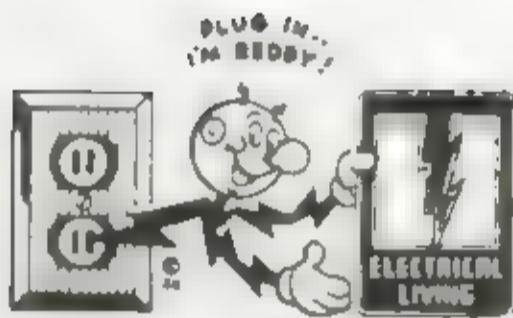
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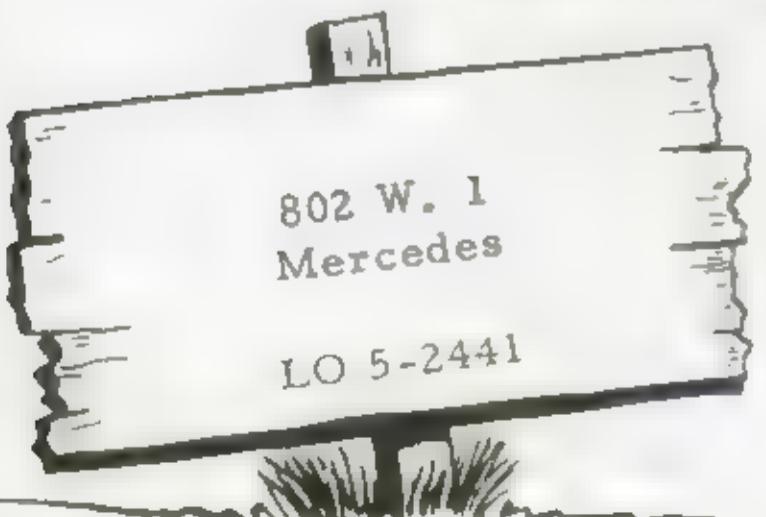
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